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GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

Free Library and Museum COMMITTEE,

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1914.

SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL ON 3rd JUNE, 1914.

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOOTLE.

TWENTY-SEVENTH GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

FREE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg to report on the work of the Libraries, and of the Museum, for the year ended 31st March, 1914, as follows :—

THE COMBINED LIBRARIES.—During the period under review, 134,618 book issues resulted from the public demands made upon the resources of the Central and Branch Libraries. Compared with the figures of the previous year, the issues disclosed an increase of 1,095.

THE CENTRAL LIBRARY.—Statistical details as to the stock, and the use made thereof, are given in tabular form on page 13. 118,156 issues were recorded, which gave an average output in all classes of 392 per day. 704 books, mainly representative of recent literary achievement, have been added, whilst 755 worn-out books, which included several obsolete editions of technical publications, were replaced by new and current copies. 1,150 volumes were bound, 95 re-sewn or covered afresh, whilst minor repairs to numerous books were executed by the staff. The borrowers enrolled, inclusive of 159 holders of teachers' tickets, numbered 5,179 ; of these, 1,048 applied for and received the second ticket allocated for non-fictional reading, whereby the total of active tickets was raised to 6,227. 2,646 applications were made to readers for the return of overdue books, but in only one case was it found necessary to approach the guarantor to obtain restitution. The annual stocktaking revealed the loss of some 12 volumes, the value of which was estimated at 24/–.

Facilities for the free use of the Students' Room have been extended to 69 applicants, and this convenience for the pursuit of uninterrupted study, and for the prosecution of research, has been highly appreciated by those concerned. The total number of tickets in active force was 93

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The following issues were recorded in connection with the scheme of book deliveries operative at the elementary schools :—Bedford Road, 9,579; Gray Street, 2,047 ; Hawthorne Road, 2,247 ; Linacre, 1,127 ; Salisbury Road, 2,553 ; Orrell, 1,694 ; Christ Church, 1,901 ; St. Mary's, 500 ; St. John's, 1,275 ; St. James's, 1,491 ; St. James's Select, 2,333 ; and St. Winefride's, 1,261—Total, 28,008. In addition to the foregoing returns, 18,032 issues were registered at the library counter between deliveries. Enquiries as to the methods employed have been received from several educational authorities, and full information concerning the system was afforded in every instance.

No improvement having disclosed itself in the yield of the Library Rate, it was again deemed advisable to postpone the publication of sundry desirable class-lists until the occurrence of a more favourable opportunity. Meanwhile, however, the requirements of readers have been largely met by the manuscript card catalogues, and by the gratuitous circulation of printed lists of additions under the title of *Mainly About Books*.

Books on specific subjects have been freely requisitioned by the Secondary School for Girls, the School of Art, and the Technical School. Experience has again demonstrated that these special loans serve a distinctly useful purpose, inasmuch as they draw the attention of students to the more instructive contents of the library shelves, and conduce to a larger individual demand for books of permanent interest and value.

The weekly Book Delivery associated with the works of Messrs. Johnson Brothers, Limited, Dyers, has been regularly maintained, 5,307 issues having been made to the employees of that important local industry.

In March, the Library was visited by upwards of 55 members of the Liverpool and District Association of Assistant Librarians, when the Borough Librarian delivered an illustrated lecture entitled *Through the Alhambra of Granada with Washington Irving*. Prior to the delivery of the lecture the delegates inspected the various departments, and appeared agreeably impressed with the variety and extent of the institution's operations.

For the eighth consecutive year an exhibition of Holiday Literature was arranged for public inspection in the entrance hall of the Library

Of the 546 publications openly displayed, 449 related to places of interest in the British Isles, whilst the remaining 97 treated of prominent Continental resorts. By general consent this display was voted the best of the series, and attracted continuous attention throughout the summer months. At the close of the season the publications were handed over, by request, to certain local elementary schools for teaching purposes.

A useful session's work has been carried out by the Bootle Photographic Society in a basement room of the building, where an attractive programme of lantern lectures and demonstrations was submitted for the delectation of members and their friends.

The Central Reading Rooms.—These rooms have been largely frequented, 115,041 visits having been noted. Good use has been made of the fine range of technical and other periodicals provided.

The Marsh Lane Branch Library.—During the year additional shelving and indicator accommodation has been supplied. The statistical table on page 14 affords particulars of the stock, and of the use to which it was put. 16,462 issues were registered, which showed an average daily output of 54. Readers' tickets in regular use numbered 454. 98 volumes have been acquired, 81 books were bound, whilst 80 well-worn items were replaced by fresh copies. Applications were addressed to 100 borrowers for the return of outstanding books, but in only a single instance was an appeal to the guarantor necessitated.

The Marsh Lane Reading Rooms.—The attendance at these rooms has been excellent, 111,190 visits having been recorded.

The Museum.—The popularity of this department has been fully maintained, no less than 40,844 visits having been paid thereto. Much useful work has been accomplished in the shape of cleaning, rearrangement, and preservation of specimens, whilst several donations of a minor character have been suitably set up and described. A few shabby natural history specimens have been replaced by fresh examples, whilst sundry ornithological acquisitions have been effectively mounted and displayed. The nests and eggs of certain British Birds have been neatly labelled and arranged in a self-contained case, and this has been placed in close proximity to the ornithological collection hereafter mentioned.

Thanks to the hearty co-operation of Mr. J. W. Cutmore, of the Liverpool Museum staff, the hitherto dispersed collection of British Birds has been brought together within easy focus, and printed labels bearing the scientific and popular names have been affixed to the specimens. The birds common to Lancashire and Cheshire have been duly indicated by means of red discs attached to the labels. The collection, whilst extensive, is not completely representative of British ornithology, but it is hoped, at no very distant date, to obtain the specimens lacking, which consist mainly of the more common varieties.

Apropos of this collection, your Committee have expressed their obligations to Mr. L. E. Hope, Curator of the Carlisle Museum, for the gift of 15 of the 50 birds required to complete the series. Enquiries have been instituted in other directions with the view of obtaining the remaining specimens.

In May, Mr. D. H. Kennedy, an esteemed local resident, generously handed over his natural history collection for the benefit of the town. This useful donation, the receipt of which was suitably acknowledged at the time, comprised nine cases of birds and two cases of mammals, together with other exhibits of a miscellaneous character. The cased specimens have been housed in the Alcove situate on the upper landing, whilst the separate exhibits have been conveniently disposed in the Bird Room. Pending financial provision for the execution of certain necessary taxidermic work thereupon, the collection has been temporarily tidied up, and a few unmounted specimens neatly set up. Due care has, however, been taken to safeguard the contents of the cases from deterioration in the interim.

Some 71 duplicate ornithological specimens, withdrawn from the cases, have been distributed amongst the following educational institutions, namely :—School of Art, Gray Street School, Orrell School, and Christ Church School.

The significance of the Museum as a teaching auxiliary has again been abundantly confirmed, loans of specimens having been granted to the following educational establishments, namely:—Secondary School for Boys, Secondary School for Girls, School of Art, Trades' Preparatory School, Bedford Road School, Gray Street School, Hawthorne Road School,

Linacre School, Orrell School, Salisbury Road School, Christ Church School, and St. Winefride's School. These concessions have, admittedly, proved of much assistance to teachers in the illustration of their lessons.

Groups of scholars from Gray Street School, St. James's Select School, St. John's School, St. Mary's School, Merton Private School, Seafield Secondary School, and the Secondary School for Girls, have visited the Museum in the company of their teachers, when attention was especially directed to exhibits bearing upon topics then under consideration. In the case of St. Mary's School, however, several lessons, of a highly-informing character, were given by Mr. J. C. Bell on *The Geography and Geology of the Mersey Basin ;* these were copiously illustrated by maps, plans, pictures, and books expressly selected for the purpose from the Local Collection. Valuable instruction in drawing and painting has also been imparted by Mr. G. T. Williams to several groups of students from the School of Art classes.

The Art Room.—A run of strikingly interesting loans has rendered this apartment exceptionally attractive. Your Committee have duly acknowledged their indebtedness to the Trustees of the National Gallery of British Art for the loan, in April, of 18 important Paintings from the national collection ; to Mr. George Horton, of South Shields, for the loan, in October, of 32 Pencil Sketches drawn direct from nature ; and to the Pencil Society for the loan, in November, of 84 original Drawings. It is worthy of mention that the foregoing concessions were valued for purposes of insurance at £6,605.

In October, the major part of the available wall space was taken up by the exhibition of 54 sheets of Selected Drawings, the handiwork of local Elementary School children. These commendable efforts, it may be observed, proved attractive alike to teachers, parents, and scholars, and it has since been decided to make the exhibition an annual feature.

In January, a new and acceptable loan of art objects was received from the Circulation Collections department of the Victoria and Albert Museum. The collection—appraised for insurance at £700—was arranged by Mr. R. F. Martin, and comprised the following exhibits, namely :—Furniture and Woodcarvings (31 objects on two screens), Woodwork : Plaster Casts (27 objects and 3 photographs), Woodwork : Furniture (4 objects), and Woodcarvings : Photographs and Prints (18 frames).

In the same month, before an excellent onlooking, Mr. Thomas Rastall, senior Vice-President, formally opened the 20th Annual Exhibition of the Bootle Photographic Society. The framed photographs, which numbered 111, were arranged by members of the Society with the assistance of the staff. In addition to the prints above-mentioned, there was also shown a collection of choice lantern slides. The work disclosed a marked advance in technical excellence, and was warmly commended by the judges, namely, Messrs. T. Lee Syms, F.R.P.S., and C. F. Inston, F.R.P.S. Considerable public interest was manifested in the exhibition during the four weeks that it remained open.

The month of March witnessed the opening of the seventh Annual Exhibition of Works executed by the students of the School of Art, and by classes in affiliation therewith. Of the studies selected, the School proper sent 47 framed and 5 unframed examples, together with 3 modelled casts. Two cases of Craft Work were also shown, and these embraced examples of embossed leather work, and of ivory carving. 38 drawings were contributed by the Trades' Preparatory School, whilst the Secondary School for Boys submitted 141 sketches, and the Secondary School for Girls 218. The exhibition again proved deservedly popular, no less than 2,983 visitors having entered the room during the 17 days the exhibits were on view. It is pleasing to record that the artistic finish of the drawings called forth not a little public commendation, and it is believed that the impression thus created will not be without advantage to the prospects of the School in the near future. A gratifying feature of the display was the array of carefully executed drawings of specimens loaned from the Museum collections.

Later in the same month, the Third Circulating Collection of Water-Colour Paintings of the British School, valued at £1,400, was received from the Victoria and Albert Museum. The collection, comprised in 100 frames, was considerately lent for a period of three months. Your Committee hereby record their high appreciation of the helpfulness extended to the Museum from time to time by the responsible officials of the Board of Education.

Public attention was directed to the foregoing attractions by means of notices in the local press, and by the circulation of handbills.

Free Museum Addresses.—Addresses were delivered by the Curator on the following subjects, namely :—

1913
Oct. 24—Pictures that Strike the Eye.

Nov. 21—Some Despised Members of the Animal Kingdom.

Dec. 12—How His Majesty's Coin is Minted.

1914
Jan. 23—Old-Time Pictures and their Painters.

Feb. 20—Some Oddities of the Ocean

Mar. 6—The Architectural Beauties of the Alhambra.

Each subject was illustrated by lantern slides, and by exhibits in the permanent and loan collections. At the close of each address the visitors were conducted through the Museum rooms, and a further half hour or so was usefully employed in enlarging upon some of the more striking exhibits. The attendance was entirely satisfactory.

Central Library Popular Lectures.—The following twelve lectures were delivered in the Town Hall :—

1913	Lecturer.	Subject.	Attendance
Nov. 17	Mr. Albert E. Workman ..	Giuseppe Verdi : his Life and Works (*With Musical Illustrations*)	900
Nov. 24	Mr. Henry F. Northcote	*The Wireless Telegraph Popularly Explained	440
Dec. 1	Mr. H. Grēgorius Brown, Officier D'Académie, F.R.H.S.	*Through Bosnia and Hercegovina	400
Dec. 8	Mr. Henry Crowther, F.R.M.S.	*With Arabs and Moors in North Africa	400
Jan. 19	Mr. Samuel Clarke ..	Music as a Hobby (*With Musical Illustrations*)	1000
Jan. 26	Rev. Ferdinand Fowkes ..	*Canals and Canal Folk	320
Feb. 2	Mr. Trevor Whitaker ..	*Wanderings in Warwickshire, and stories they recall	440
Feb. 9	Rev. Thomas J. Walshe, B.A., F.R.A.S.	*Jeanne d'Arc, the Maid of Orleans	380
		Carried forward ..	4,280

1914	Lecturer	Subject	Attendance
		Brought forward ..	4,280
Feb. 16	Mr. John C. Arnold, Barrister-at-Law	*From Cambridge to Old Heidelberg: life in an English and German University	330
Feb. 23	Rev. James Hamilton, M.A.	*The Ruined Castles of Scotland.	360
Mar. 2	Mr. F. E. Tillemont-Thomason, C.E., F.Ph.S., F.R.G.S. (Scot.)	*San Francisco, Valparaiso, Kingston, Messina, and Glasgow.	440
Mar. 9	Dr. W. Murray Cairns ..	*Some interesting features of Japanese Life and Character.	430
			5,840

**Lantern Illustrations.*

Branch Library Popular Lectures.—The undermentioned twelve lectures were delivered in the Assembly Hall, Marsh Lane :—

1913	Lecturer	Subject	Attendance
Nov. 20	Dr. Charles W. Budden ..	*Camping Days and Ways on Road and River.	400
Nov. 27	Mr. William R. Clayton ..	*A Tour through India	420
Dec. 4	Mr. William H. Noble ..	*Lord Nelson: how he helped to save Britain	250
Dec. 11	Mr. James Bernard ..	Recital of Dickens's "A Christmas Carol"	420
1914 Jan. 15	Mr. Trevor Whitaker ..	*A Patriot in London: Legends, Romances, Customs Old and New.	230
		Carried forward ..	1,720

1914	Lecturer	Subject	Attendance
		Brought forward ..	1,720
Jan. 22	Mr. James Hoult	*Bootle and its Historic Borderland.	330
Jan. 29	Mrs. Ernest Hunter ..	*Liverpool to London *via* Pekin and Moscow.	300
Feb. 5	Mr. John Kennedy, F.R.G.S.	*A Voyage to Constantinople and the Near East.	290
Feb. 12	Mr. Andrew Blair ..	*Through the Snows of Grisons to the Lakes of Italy.	210
Feb. 19	Mr. J. Erik Hamilton, B.Sc.	*Experiences at an Irish Whaling Station.	280
Feb. 26	Mr. Henry F. Northcote	*The Glories of Spring ; or, the Great Awakening.	260
Mar. 5	Rev. Sidney A. Barrett ..	*Glimpses of Old-World Normandy.	240
			3,630

**Lantern Illustrations.*

Compared with the past season, the total attendance showed an increase of 765. Thanks are hereby tendered to the Finance Committee for having again kindly granted the free use of the respective halls.

Orrell Popular Lectures.—The undermentioned five lectures were delivered at the Orrell Council School :—

1913	Lecturer	Subject	Attendance
Nov. 14	Miss Mattie Talbot ..	The Qualities of Good Music. (*With Vocal and Pianoforte Illustrations*)	100
Dec. 5	Mr. Calder O'Beirne ..	Poets and Poetry of the Four Nations. (*With Illustrative Recitals*)	65
		Carried forward ..	165

1914	Lecturer	Subject	Attendance
		Brought forward ..	165
Jan. 16	Mr. Trevor Whitaker ..	*On the Mainroads of North Wales	90
Feb. 13	Dr. Charles W. Budden ..	*Down the Thames in a Camping Boat.	90
Mar. 13	Councillor Robertson Lamb	*Rock Climbing in Skye	85
			430

**Lantern Illustrations.*

Thanks have been accorded to the Education Committee for their courtesy in having permitted the use of a room free of charge.

Lantern Entertainments.—On December 29th and 30th, Lantern Entertainments were given at the Town Hall and Assembly Hall to the poorer children in attendance at the Elementary Schools. Upwards of 2,100 little folk were present at the three functions, and appeared to thoroughly enjoy the proceedings. Refreshments were dispensed at the close of each exhibition, the cost of which was generously met by public subscriptions. The contributions—plus the balance of £2 19*s.* 6*d.* carried forward from 1912—amounted to £18 12*s.* 9*d.*, and the expenditure to £15 16*s.* 0*d.* The surplus has been retained for a similar object.

Staff.—Harold A. Wright, School Delivery Attendant, left in April to take up an engineering apprenticeship, and David Williams was appointed to fill the vacancy. In consequence of indifferent health the latter resigned in August, and Laurence Joyce was appointed in his stead. John Rawling vacated his post in November for an apprenticeship to the timber trade, and his place was supplied by the appointment of Matthew Robinson. It only now remains to be affirmed that wholehearted service has been rendered by each member of the staff.

Dated this 21st day of May, 1914.

HUGH CARRUTHERS, *Chairman.*

CENTRAL LIBRARY STATISTICS.

	LENDING DEPARTMENT.						REFERENCE DEPARTMENT				THE ENTIRE LIBRARY	
				Issues 1913-1914								
	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1913	Added 1913-14	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1914	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1913	Added 1913-14	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1914	Issues 1913-1914	Total No. of Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1914	Total Issues in each class 1913-1914
Biography	1653	37	1690	1123	724	1847	296	2	298	204	1988	2051
Philology and Literary History	277	2	279	175	9	184	1251	22	1273	508	1552	692
Religion	1132	28	1160	1016	67	1083	423	5	428	215	1588	1298
Sociology, Political History, Topography and Travel ..	2777	61	2838	2470	2643	5113	2965	78	3043	763	5881	5876
Mental and Moral Science ..	206	3	209	175	5	180	20	—	20	62	229	242
Poetry	592	11	603	442	249	691	55	2	57	149	660	840
Prose Fiction, *including Fiction in the Juvenile Library* ..	7771	285	8056	46200	43037	89237	13	—	13	894	8069	90131
Fine Arts	340	2	342	314	76	390	662	20	682	340	1024	730
Mathematical and Natural Science	1196	11	1207	866	868	1734	1352	24	1376	346	2583	2080
Technical Literature	866	17	883	1659	465	2124	2314	10	2324	525	3207	2649
General and Unclassed Works	1942	41	1983	8630	674	9304	981	18	999	737	2982	10041
Local Literature (i.e., Bootle)	..	..	..	..	..	..	198	16	214	116	214	116
Music Scores	425	9	434	1357	17	1374	..	..	..	36	434	1410
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N.B.—No account is taken in this table of the large use made of Directories, Annuals, etc., in the Reading Rooms

Average Day's Issue for Reference, 16. Average Day's Issue for Home Reading 376.
Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 5,807.
For Home Reading, 113,506. Grand Total, 119,313.
Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at 115,041. Attendance in Museum estimated at 40,844.

MARSH LANE BRANCH LIBRARY STATISTICS.

	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1913.	Added 1913-14	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1914.	Issues for Home Reading 1913-14.	Issues for Reference, 1913-14.	Total issues in each Class, 1913-14.
Biography	206	4	210	103	68	171
Philology and Literary History ..	15	1	16	30	28	58
Religion	101	6	107	40	30	70
Sociology, Political History, Topography and Travel	392	15	407	327	230	557
Mental and Moral Science	18	1	19	12	16	28
Poetry	71	..	71	50	39	89
Prose Fiction	2067	46	2113	12589	2455	15044
Fine Arts	31	1	32	3	10	13
Mathematical and Natural Science..	110	10	120	71	56	127
Technical Literature..	92	13	105	121	101	222
General and Unclassed Works ..	63	1	64	39	44	83
Totals	3166	98	3264	13385	3077	16462

N.B.—No account is taken in this table of the large use made of Directories, Annuals, etc., in the Reading Room.

Average Day's Issue for Reference, 10. Average Day's Issue for Home Reading, 44.

Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 3080.

For Home Reading, 13,393. Grand Total, 16,473.

Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at 111,190.

LIST OF DONORS AND DONATIONS

TO THE

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

ÆGEAN ISLANDS COMMITTEE—"A Plea for a civilised Epirus," by W. Pember Reeves (a pamphlet).

AGENT-GENERAL FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA—"Official Year Book of South Australia," 1913.

MRS. J. ALLEN—"James Allen's Book of Meditations," 1913.

ANIMALS' FRIEND SOCIETY—"Cruelty to Animals in India" (a pamphlet).

ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH—"A Layman's Work" (a pamphlet).

BALKAN COMMITTEE—"Europe and the Turks," by N. Buxton; "Montenegro," by W. E. Gladstone; "The Question of the Balkans: past, present, and future" (pamphlets).

MR. R. BARKER—"The Earth," by J. H. Poynting, 1913; "Heredity," by L. Doncaster, 1912; "Prehistoric Man," by W. L. H. Duckworth, 1912; "The Moral Life and Moral Worth," by W. R. Sorley, 1911.

DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES (per the Hon. Director)—"For God and Country: the 47th Annual Report, 1912."

H. M. BOARD OF TRADE (LABOUR DEPARTMENT)—"Report on Changes in Wages and Hours of Labour, 1912"; "Report on Strikes and Lock-Outs, 1912"; "Sixteenth Abstract of Labour Statistics, 1913"; "Standard Time Rates of Wages at 1st October, 1913."

BOOTLE ELECTRIC POWER AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE—"Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association: Proceedings, 1913."

BRITISH ARMENIA COMMITTEE—"Armenia: its People, Sufferings and Demands" (a pamphlet).

MR. L. CARROLL (the Author)—"The Art of Charles John Collings" (a pamphlet).

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF ACCOUNTANTS—"Year Book, 1913" (2 copies).

CHANNEL TUNNEL CO., LTD.—"Channel Tunnel: Deputation to Prime Minister."

CHURCH EMIGRATION SOCIETY—"Annual Report, 1913"; "Quarterly Notes," Jan. 1914

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY—"Proceedings," 1912–13.

MR. G W. COLQUHOUN—A parcel of unbound Magazines (various).

COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRIES, HAMILTON, CANADA—"Hamilton: its History, Commerce, Industries, Resources," 1913.

MESSRS. COOPER & BUDD, LTD. (the Publishers)—"Father Paul," by J. Cassidy.

CO-OPERATIVE UNION, LTD., MANCHESTER—"The 45th Annual Congress, 1913: Report."

CO-OPERATIVE WHOLESALE SOCIETY, LTD.—"The Story of *the* C.W S., 1863–1913"

MR. R. DAILLEY (the Author)—"The Doctor's Dog: a poem against vivisection," 1912; "Revolt: a tale for the times," 1897.

MR. J. A. CHARLTON DEAS, F.R.H.S. (the Author)—"How we may show our Museums and Art Galleries to the Blind" (a pamphlet).

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CANADA—"Experimental Farms: Reports for 1911–12," 1912; Bulletins, Nos. 15, 43, 72 and 73.

MR. J. J. FARAGHER (the Author)—"Medal System in Elementary Schools."

MR. W. D. FOULKE (the Author)—"Maya: a Story of Yucatan,"

DR. A. C. FRYER (the Author)—"The Vision of St. Christopher, and other verse," 1913.

Mr. F. L. Greeno (the Editor)—" Obed Hussey," 1912.

Gregg Publishing Co.—" Gregg Shorthand," 1913.

Mr. C. R. Hand (the Author)—" Calderstones," 1912 ; " Notes on Woolton Priory " ; " Notes respecting the Annals of Liverpool and the Castle," 1910 (6 copies) ; " Shakespeare, not Bacon : A reply to Sir Edwin Durning-Lawrence's Myth," 1913 (6 copies).

High Commissioner, Commonwealth of Australia—" Official Year-Book, 1901–1912 " ; " Commonwealth of Australia : Parliamentary Debates," Session 1912, No. 52; Session 1913, Nos. 2—35 ; " The Year-Book of Australia for 1913."

High Commissioner for New Zealand —" New Zealand Handbook, 1913 "; " New Zealand Official Year Book for 1912 " ; " New Zealand Handbook, 1913 " ; " Statistics for year 1911," parts 1–8 ; 1912, parts 1-3 ; " Guide to New Zealand," by C. N. Baeyertz, 1910 ; " The New Zealand Settler's Handbook," 1911 ; " Mines Statement for 1912," 1913 ; " Crown Lands' Guide," 1913 ; " Census of New Zealand," 1911 ; and several pamphlets.

Messrs. Hodges, Figgis & Co. (the Publishers)—" Dublin University Calendar," 1913–14. 2 vols.

Mr. J. Hoult (the Author)—" West Derby and Old Swan," 1911 ; " West Derby, Old Swan and Wavertree," 1913 ; " Old Swan Charity School " (a pamphlet).

Incorporated Society of Musicians—" Memorandum and Articles of Association and Bye-laws, also Register of Members for 1913."

International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' and Manufacturers' Associations—"Ninth International Congress : Official Report. 1913 " ; " Official Report of the Delegation to Egypt, 1912."

Messrs. Jarrold & Sons (the Publishers)—" Love while ye maye," by H. J. Swallow.

Messrs. P. S. King & Son (the Publishers)—" Herbert Spencer refutes recent Misrepresentations," by A. W. Tillett (a pamphlet).

Libraries—*Catalogues* from Chicago, U.S.A. (John Crerar Library), Great Crosby, Liverpool (Athenæum), St. Helens, Swansea.

Bulletins from Cardiff, Croydon, Finsbury, New York (U.S.A.), Sunderland, Wallasey.

Reports from Aberdeen, Accrington, Ashton-under-Lyne, Baltimore, U.S.A. (Enoch Pratt Library), Barrow-in-Furness, Batley, Battersea, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bolton, Bournemouth, Brighton, Burnley (Mechanic's Institution), Bury, Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Chicago, U.S.A. (John Crerar Library), Chorley, Colchester, Cork, Coventry, Cripplegate, Derby, Dukinfield, Dundee, Ealing, Eccles, Folkestone, Gloucester, Great Yarmouth, Hornsey, Hove, Ipswich, Kensal Rise, Kidderminster, Kingston-on-Thames, Leeds, Leicester, Leigh, Leyton, Lincoln, Liverpool (Lyceum), Los Angeles (U.S.A.), Loughborough, Manchester, Middlesborough, Newcastle-under-Lyne, Newton-in-Makerfield, New York (U.S.A.), Northampton, Norwich, Nottingham, Paisley, Penarth, Portsmouth, Rawtenstall, Rochdale, Runcorn, St. Annes-on-the-Sea, St. Helens, Shoreditch, Smethwick, Stoke Newington, Tottenham, Walthamstow, Warrington, West Bromwich, West Hartlepool, Widnes, Wigan, Willesden Green, Windsor (Ontario), Workington, Worcester, York.

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NATIONAL MUSEUM, IRELAND—Museum Bulletin, Part IV, 1912; Part I, 1913.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WALES—"Catalogue of Loan Exhibition of Paintings," 1913; "Handbook to the Exhibition of Welsh Antiquities," 1913.

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MR. R. T. PRITCHARD—"The Comprehensive History of England," by C. Macfarlane and T. Thomson. 4 v., 1861.

MR. G. RADFORD (the Author)—"A Plain Man's Faith," 1907; "Agricultural Co-Operation"; "On Book-keeping"; "Our Land" (9 odd nos.)

MR. A. LYELL READE—"Scientific Papers," by T. Mellard Reade.

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MR. WELLEN SMITH (the Author)—"Homer and the Siege of Troy."

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MADAME SOYEZ-LE-ROY, "TIB" (the Author)—"Amour et Vaillance."

H.M. STATIONERY OFFICE—Continuation of Consular and Diplomatic Reports, and of House of Commons papers, etc., as selected from the Official List of Government Publications by the Borough Librarian.

Mr. A. J. Stenstrand (the Author)—"Key to the Heaven of the Beyan" (a pamphlet).

Mr. A. E. Strother—"Holy Bible," 1803.

Mrs. L. E. Stuart—"Reminiscences," by J. Stuart.

Sunday School Union—"A Hundred Years work for the Children," by W. H. Groser, 1903; "The Hundredth Year," Edited, M. J. Street, 1903.

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Warrington Museum Committee—"Modern Etchings: Catalogue."

Mr. W. Willett (the Author)—"The Waste of Daylight, with an account of the Progress of the Daylight Saving Bill," 1914.

Mr. J. C. Williams—"A Naturalist in Western China," by E. H. Wilson. 2v., 1913

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LIST OF DONORS AND DONATIONS

TO THE

PUBLIC MUSEUM.

Miss Billington—Snakes in Alcohol (2 bottles).

Mr. Councillor Booth—Framed copy of etching entitled "The Gate of the City," by W. Richards.

Mr. A. L. Chapman—Horns (three pairs) from Las Palmas and San Nicolas.

Mrs. Coghill—Stuffed specimens of Lapwing, Little Auk, and Ringed Plover.

Mr. H. Harum—Assegai taken at the Zulu War, 1879; A Small Jug (cracked).

Mr. L. E. Hope, Carlisle Museum—Fifteen stuffed specimens of British Birds.

Mrs. Jackson, Waterloo—Hornbills (2 imperfect skins).

Mr. D. H. Kennedy—Nine Cases of Birds and two Cases of Mammals.

Mr. Councillor R. Lamb—Two Cases of Butterflies (foreign).

Mr. Councillor G. Prince.—Cinema Film depicting Royal Visit to Bootle, July 11th, 1913. Plaster Bust of Her Late Majesty Queen Victoria (*the latter transferred to School of Art*).

Mr. A. M. Rodger—Skin of Swan; Skin of Water-Rail.

Trustees of the British Museum—Five Casts of Ancient Statuary and Sculpture. (*Transferred to School of Art*).

LOANS AND LENDERS.

Board of Education—*See body of Report, Victoria and Albert Museum.*

Mr. C. Cockerham—Photogravure of Wylie's picture of the *S.S. Teutonic*; Enlargement in Oils of the Ship *Merchantman;* Photograph of Propeller Blades taken off *S.S. Yeoman*; Photograph of Model of Twin Screw Steamers *Monteagle* and *Montfort.*

Mr. A. E. Horrocks—Collections of English Table Glass (113 pieces) and Old Pewter (69 pieces).

National Gallery Board—Oil Paintings (five) valued at £1,480.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOOTLE.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH

GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

Free Library and Museum COMMITTEE.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1915.

SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL ON 2nd June, 1915.

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HUGH EVANS & SONS, 68 HERTFORD ROAD & 356, 358 STANLEY ROAD, LIVERPOOL.
1915.

Free Library and Museum Committee.

1913–14.

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1914–15.

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The MAYOR, Mr. Councillor Cassady

* *Died 19th February, 1915.*

Town Clerk:

J. SPENCER TUMILTY.

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CHARLES H. HUNT.

Sub-Librarian:

WILLIAM T. MONTGOMERY.

Senior Assistant:

WILLIAM WILLIAMS.

Assistants.:

B. ROBINSON, C. MEAKIN, Miss M. HUNT, M. O'BRIEN, S. BARNES, M. ROBINSON, and L. JOYCE.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOOTLE.

TWENTY-EIGHTH GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

FREE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg to report on the work of the Libraries, and of the Museum, for the year ended 31st March, 1915, as follows :—

THE COMBINED LIBRARIES.—During the period under consideration 126,028 book issues resulted from the public demands made upon the resources of the Central and Branch Libraries. Compared with the transactions of the previous year the figures showed a decrease of 8,590 volumes, which represented a decline in output of 29 issues per working day. Prior to the outbreak of War the statistical returns were steadily rising, but since the month of August public attention has been focussed upon other and more momentous matters, thereby curtailing the leisure formerly devoted to reading. Notwithstanding this temporary deviation of interest, exceptional pains have been taken to keep the public well-informed as to the progress of the War, by the provision in the newsrooms of extra copies of local papers, and by the supply of illustrated serials, maps, Government publications, and pamphlets. The stock of the lending departments has been appreciably strengthened by the acquisition of a number of important books relating to the countries and peoples implicated in the great struggle, whilst a variety of interesting and appropriate literature has been openly exhibited on the counters. Facilities have been granted to all Territorials quartered in the town for the full and free use of the respective institutions, whilst the Students' Room, with every requisite, was set apart as a writing room. A like convenience was also established at the Branch Library. Liberal supplies of books, and of illustrated periodicals, have also been deposited at the battalion headquarters in Park Street, and at Balliol Road Council School .

Since the 29th of August the newsrooms, which were formerly closed on a Saturday at 5 p.m., have been kept open until 9.30 p.m. on that day, and this concession, at a time of national tension, has met with the approval of a fair number of readers.

During the early months of the War ambulance classes for ladies were held regularly in a basement room of the Central Library.

THE CENTRAL LIBRARY.—Statistical details as to the stock, and the use made thereof, are given in tabular form on page 13. 111,376 issues were recorded, which gave an average daily output in all classes of 369. 649 books, representative of the best of the season's publications, have been added, whilst 721 worn-out books, which included several obsolete editions of technical works, were replaced by new and current copies. 1,032 volumes were bound, 57 resewn or covered anew, whilst minor repairs to many books were executed by the staff. The borrowers enrolled, inclusive of 135 holders of Teachers' Tickets, numbered 4,985; of these, 1,031 applied for and received the second ticket allocated for non-fictional reading, whereby the total of tickets in active use was brought up to 6,016. 2,819 applications were made to readers for the return of overdue books, but in not a single instance was it found necessary to have recourse to the guarantor to obtain restitution. The July stocktaking revealed the loss of 15 volumes, the value of which was estimated at 30*s*.

Tickets entitling the holders to the free use of the Students' Room have been accorded to 22 applicants, and this convenience for the furtherance of quiet study has been duly appreciated by those concerned. The total number of permits in active force was 91.

The following issues were recorded in connection with the book delivery system operative at the Elementary Schools:—Bedford Road, 8,023; Gray Street, 2,123; Hawthorne Road, 1,778; Linacre, 906; Salisbury Road, 1,862; Orrell, 1,849; Christ Church, 1,337; St. Mary's, 886; St. John's, 987; St. James's, 1,509; St. James's Select, 1,939; and St. Winefride's, 910—Total, 24,109. In addition to the foregoing returns, 18,504 issues were registered at the Library between deliveries. Enquiries as to the methods employed have been received from several educational authorities, and full particulars concerning the system were duly forwarded.

As only a slight improvement has manifested itself in the yield of the Library Rate, it was again deemed expedient to defer the printing of sundry desirable class-lists until a more opportune occasion. Meanwhile, however, the needs of readers have been fairly well met by the manuscript card catalogues, and by the circulation of printed lists of additions under the title of *Mainly about Books.*

Books on specific topics have been freely requisitioned by the Secondary School for Girls, the School of Art, the Technical School, and the three Evening Continuation Schools. These loans, it may be observed, serve an eminently useful object, inasmuch as they familiarize students with the contents of the library, and conduce to a steady individual demand for books of permanent interest and value.

The weekly Book Delivery associated with the works of Messrs. Johnson Brothers, Limited, Dyers, has been systematically maintained, 4,640 issues having been made to the employees of that extensive local industry.

On Friday evening, 9th October, the Library was visited by upwards of 60 members of the Liverpool and District Association of Assistant Librarians, when the Borough Librarian, in his capacity as President, gave an illustrated lecture on "*The Fine Arts, with special reference to the rise of Modern Painting.*" Prior to the delivery of the lecture the delegates inspected the various departments, and appeared favourably impressed with the variety and extent of the institution's undertakings.

For the ninth successive year an exhibition of Holiday Literature was arranged for public inspection in the entrance hall of the Library. Of the 545 publications openly displayed, 497 related to places of interest in the British Isles, whilst the remaining 48 treated of prominent Continental resorts. It was generally admitted that this display was easily the most attractive of the series. At the close of the summer months the publications were transferred, by request, to certain local elementary schools for teaching purposes.

The Bootle Photographic Society has consummated another session of useful work in a basement room of the building, where an attractive programme of lantern lectures and demonstrations was submitted for the edification of members and visitors.

The Central Reading Rooms.—These rooms have been well patronised, 113,551 visits having been noted. Every facility was afforded for the effective display of recruiting posters.

The Marsh Lane Branch Library.—The statistical table on page 14 gives particulars of the stock, and of the use made thereof. 14,652 issues were registered, which showed an average daily output of 48. Readers' tickets in regular use numbered 426. 114 volumes have been acquired, 41 books were bound, whilst 70 well-worn items were replaced by fresh copies. Circulars were addressed to 130 borrowers for the return of outstanding books, and in two instances the Guarantors were called upon to intervene.

The Marsh Lane Reading Rooms.—Notwithstanding enlistment, and the plenitude of employment locally, the attendance at these rooms has proved very satisfactory, 100,497 visits having been recorded.

The Museum.—32,393 attendances have been registered in this department. Much useful work has been carried out in the shape of cleaning, rearrangement, and preservation of specimens, whilst sundry donations of a minor character have been suitably set up and described.

Thanks to the courteous helpfulness of Mr. J. W. Cutmore, of the Liverpool Museum staff, considerable progress has been made in the elimination of duplicates from the extensive collection of British and Foreign Ornithology. In conformity with a previous minute, 55 of the more common birds have been handed over for the use of certain local schools, whilst the remainder will be utilised for purposes of exchange. The thanks of your Committee have been extended to the gentleman above-named for his valuable assistance, as well as for the gift from his private collection of 18 of the 38 specimens required to complete the British section.

The work of cleaning and remodelling the ornithological and other specimens comprised in the Kennedy Collection has been completed, and the appearance of the exhibits has been appreciably enhanced thereby. The labour of identifying and labelling the specimens will be undertaken at an early date.

The utility of the Museum as a teaching auxiliary has again been exemplified, specimens having been lent to the following educational

establishments, namely :—Secondary School for Boys, Secondary School for Girls, School of Art, Junior Technical School, Balliol Road School, Gray Street School, Hawthorne Road School, Linacre School, Orrell School, Salisbury Road School, Christ Church School, St. Mary's School, and St. Winefride's School. These loans have, admittedly, proved of much assistance to teachers in the illustration of their lessons.

Groups of scholars from Balliol Road School, St. Mary's School, St. John's School, and St. James's School have visited the Museum in the company of their teachers, when attention was especially directed to exhibits bearing upon topics then under consideration.

The Art Room.—A number of interesting exhibits has rendered this apartment unusually inviting. Your Committee have duly acknowledged their indebtedness to the Trustees of the National Gallery of British Art for the loan, as from July, of Number 6 Circulating Collection of Turner Drawings and Sketches, which was comprised in 53 frames ; to Messrs. Kodak, Limited, for the loan, in October, of 18 framed enlargements from Kodak negatives taken by Queen Alexandra ; and to the Pencil Society for the loan, throughout September, of 70 framed Drawings executed by members of that Society. It is worthy of mention that the foregoing concessions were valued for purposes of insurance at £2,550.

In February, before a fair onlooking, the Mayor (Councillor George Cassady) formally opened the 21st Annual Exhibition of the Bootle Photographic Society. The catalogued exhibits, which numbered 112, were arranged by members of the Society with the help of the staff. In addition to the framed prints above-mentioned, there was also shown a number of choice Lantern Slides, many in natural colours. The work displayed disclosed a marked advance in technical efficiency, and elicited the warm commendation of the judge, Mr. T. Lee Syms, F.R.P.S. Considerable public interest was taken in the exhibition during the three weeks that it remained open.

The succeeding month witnessed the opening of the 8th Annual Exhibition of works executed by students of the School of Art, and by classes in affiliation therewith. Of the studies selected, the School proper contributed 31 framed and 10 unframed examples, together with 4 modelled casts. One case of Miniatures, and two cases of Craft Work were also

shown, the latter embracing examples of Embossed Leather Work, and of Ivory Carving. 25 drawings were sent by the Junior Technical School, whilst the Secondary School for Boys submitted 178 sketches and the Secondary School for Girls 149. The exhibition again proved deservedly popular, no less than 2,348 visitors having entered the room during the 17 days that the exhibits were on view. It is pleasing to record that the artistic finish of the various studies called forth not a little public commendation, and the impression thus created has since been of direct advantage to the School. A noteworthy feature of the display was the range of neatly executed drawings of specimens loaned from the Museum collections.

Attention was drawn to the foregoing attractions by means of paragraphs in the local press, and by the publication and circulation of catalogues and handbills.

Free Museum Addresses.—Addresses were delivered by the Curator on the following subjects, namely :—

1914

Nov. 6—The Honey Bee at Home.

Nov. 20—Pictures : Peaceful and Warlike.

Dec. 11—Ants on the March.

1915

Jan. 22—Glass : Antique and Artistic.

Feb. 19—Life by the Seashore.

Mar. 5—The Potter's Art : Past and Present.

Each subject was illustrated by lantern slides, and by exhibits in the permanent and loan collections. At the close the visitors were personally conducted through the Museum rooms, where a further half-hour or so was profitably expended in enlarging upon certain of the more striking exhibits. The attendance was slightly below that of last year.

CENTRAL LIBRARY POPULAR LECTURES.—The following twelve lectures were delivered in the Town Hall :—

1914	Lecturer.	Subject.	Attendance.
Nov. 16	Mr. A. E. WORKMAN ..	How to listen to Music : some introductory hints (*With Musical Illustrations*)	700
Nov. 23	Dr. CHARLES W. BUDDEN ..	*Travels with a Donkey in Bonnie Scotland	480
Nov. 30	Mr. ANDREW BLAIR	*Meuse, Moselle and Rhine : a Cycling Tour.	360
† Dec. 7	Mr. F. E. TILLEMONT-THOMASON, F.R.G.S.,F.Ph.S., C.E.	*The Strategy and Tactics of the Great World War.	780
1915			
Jan. 18	Mr. J. BUTLER FORTAY ..	Handel : the Man and the Musician (*With Musical Illustrations*).	500
Jan. 25	Rev. THOMAS J. WALSHE, B.A.,F.R.A.S. ..	*Andalusia revisited : Seville, Cordova and Granada	320
Feb. 1	Mr. JAMES BERNARD. ..	Recital of Shakespeare's Comedy, "The Taming of the Shrew."	380
Feb. 8	Mr. TREVOR WHITAKER ..	*The English Lake District and its Literary Associations	330
Feb. 15	Rev. JAMES HAMILTON, M.A.	*The Tower of London : its Romantic story	400
Feb. 22	Mr. HENRY CROWTHER, F.R.M.S.	*How the Dutch defend Holland.	400
Mar. 1	Rev. WALTER B. HOULT, M.A.,B.D.	*Belgium before the War	550
Mar. 8	Rev. FERDINAND FOWKES ..	*The "Irish Rhine" : the River Blackwater.	460
			5660

**Lantern Illustrations.*

Branch Library Popular Lectures.—The undermentioned twelve lectures were delivered in the Assembly Hall, Marsh Lane :—

1914.	Lecturer.	Subject.	Attendance
Nov. 19	Mr. Samuel Clarke ..	Music as a Hobby (*With Musical Illustrations*).	450
Nov. 26	Mr. Andrew Blair ..	*On Foot in the Austrian Highlands: a Tour through Tyrol.	325
Dec. 3	Mr. James Bernard ..	A Humorous and Dramatic Recital.	320
Dec. 10	Mr. Edwin W. Brigg ..	*Holland and Belgium in Peace and War.	340
1915.			
Jan. 21	Mr. Robert C. Davies ..	*Some Picturesque Cathedral Cities.	120
Jan. 28	Rev. H. Lionel Gibbs, M.Sc.	*An Evening with Dickens. (*With Illustrative Recitals*).	175
†Feb. 4	Mr. F. E. Tillemont-Thomason, F.R.G.S., F.Ph.S., C.E.	*The Strategy and Tactics of the Great World War.	400
Feb. 11	Mr. Stanley Lowell ..	*In the Land of the Nile.	190
Feb. 18	Mr. G. E. Thompson, F.R.P.S.	*In the Daupheny Alps.	180
Feb. 25	Rev. Sidney A. Barrett ..	*Through Western Germany, with thoughts on the German Menace.	300
Mar. 4	Rev. Wm. D. Ross, B.Sc. ..	*From Hamburg to Berlin *via* Sweden, Finland, and St. Petersburg (i.e., Petrograd).	240
Mar. 11	Mr. Trevor Whitaker ..	*Wanderings in Warwickshire, and Stories they recall.	180
			3220

**Lantern Illustrations.*

ORRELL POPULAR LECTURES.—The undermentioned four lectures were delivered at the Orrell Council School :—

1914	Lecturer.	Subject.	Attendance
Nov. 13	Mr. JAMES HOULT	*All around Orrell: Historical and Topographical.	150
Dec. 4	Mr. EVAN O. PRITCHARD ..	*A Tramp across the Pyrenees	64
1915			
Jan. 15	Mr. TREVOR WHITAKER ..	*A Patriot in London: Legends, Romances, Customs Old and New.	35
Feb. 12	Dr. CHARLES W. BUDDEN ..	*Camping Days and Ways on Road and River.	65
			314

**Lantern Illustrations.*

Compared with the past season the attendance returns showed a decrease of 706, which was apportioned as follows :—Town Hall, 180 ; Assembly Hall, 410 ; Orrell Council School, 116. It should, however, be stated that wet and stormy weather militated at times against a large gathering. On the occasions marked thus (†) collections were taken on behalf of the Local and Belgian War Relief Funds, when the sum of £12 10*s.* was realised. Thanks are hereby tendered to the Finance Committee, and to the Education Committee, for their considerateness in having again voted the free use of the respective halls.

LANTERN ENTERTAINMENTS.—On the 28th and 29th of December, Lantern Entertainments were given at the Town Hall and Assembly Hall to the poorer children in attendance at the Elementary Schools. Nearly 2,200 little folk were present at the three functions, and they entered thoroughly into the spirit of the proceedings. Refreshments were dispensed at the close of each exhibition, the cost of which was generously met by public subscriptions. The contributions—plus the balance of £2 16*s.* 9*d.* carried forward from 1913—amounted to £18 17*s.* 3*d.*, and the expenditure to £15 5*s.* 3*d.* The surplus has been retained for a like object.

THE STAFF.—Cecil Meakin, 3rd Senior Assistant, having enlisted, the position temporarily vacated by him in October was filled by the appointment of Miss Muriel Hunt. Laurence Joyce, School Delivery Attendant, left in March to take up a trade apprenticeship, and his place was filled by the transfer of Sidney Barnes, whilst that of the latter was supplied by the appointment of Albert Higgins. It now only remains to be affirmed that painstaking and efficient service has been cheerfully rendered by each member of the staff.

Dated this 20th day of May, 1915.

HUGH CARRUTHERS,
Chairman.

CENTRAL LIBRARY STATISTICS

	LENDING DEPARTMENT.						REFERENCE DEPARTMENT				THE ENTIRE LIBRARY	
				Issues 1914-1915								
	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1914	Added 1914-15	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1915	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1914	Added 1914-15	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1915	Issues 1914-1915	Total No. of Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1915	Total Issues in each Class 1914-1915
Biography	1690	22	1712	1205	694	1899	298		303	204	2015	2103
Philology and Literary History	279	..	279	190	4	194	1273	19	1292	294	1571	488
Religion	1160	13	1173	690	53	743	428	4	432	156	1605	899
Sociology, Political History, Topography and Travel ..	2838	52	2890	2558	2266	4824	3043	102	3145	570	6035	5394
Mental and Moral Science ..	209	3	212	154	6	160	20	—	20	56	232	216
Poetry	603	3	606	464	169	633	57	1	58	106	664	739
Prose Fiction, *including Fiction in the Juvenile Library* ..	8056	235	8291	44699	41075	85774	13	—	13	616	8304	86390
Fine Arts	342	2	344	267	64	331	682	17	699	184	1043	1515
Mathematical and Natural Science	1207	25	1232	875	688	1563	1376	21	1397	184	2629	1747
Technical Literature	883	41	924	1790	387	2177	2324	14	2338	351	3262	2528
General and Unclassed Works	1983	32	2015	7837	703	8540	999	19	1018	498	3033	9038
Local Literature (i.e., Bootle)	..	..	..	..	..	..	214	10	224	108	224	108
Music Scores	434	9	443	1184	12	1196	..	..	..	15	443	1211
Totals	19684	437	20121	61913	46121	108034	10727	212	10939	3342	31060	111376

N.B.—No account is taken in this table of the large use made of Directories, Annuals, etc., in the Reading Rooms

Average Day's Issue for Reference, 11. Average Day's Issue for Home Reading 358.
Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 4,027.
For Home Reading, 108,212. Grand Total, 112,239.
Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at 113,551. Attendance in Museum estimated at 32,393.

MARSH LANE BRANCH LIBRARY STATISTICS.

	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1914.	Added 1914-15	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1915.	Issues for Home Reading 1914-15.	Issues for Reference. 1914-15.	Total issues in each Class, 1914-15.
Biography	210	5	215	122	50	172
Philology and Literary History ..	16	2	18	22	5	27
Religion	107	3	110	27	21	48
Sociology, Political History, Topography and Travel	407	19	426	338	136	474
Mental and Moral Science	19	1	20	6	2	8
Poetry	71	..	71	23	17	40
Prose Fiction	2113	73	2186	12378	1179	13557
Fine Arts	32	..	32	10	6	16
Mathematical and Natural Science..	120	5	125	58	26	84
Technical Literature..	105	6	111	94	48	142
General and Unclassed Works ..	64	..	64	55	29	84
Totals	3264	114	3378	13133	1519	14652

N.B.—No account is taken in this table of the large use made of Directories, Annuals, etc., in the Reading Rooms.

Average Day's Issue for Reference, 5. Average Day's Issue for Home Reading, 43.

Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 1538.

For Home Reading, 13,141. Grand Total, 14,679.

Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at 100,497.

LIST OF DONORS AND DONATIONS

TO THE

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

MRS. J. ALLEN—"From Poverty to Power," by J. Allen, 1914.

ANIMALS' FRIEND SOCIETY—"The Morality of Field Sports" (a pamphlet).

MR. J. S. ARTHUR—"John James Taylor's Letters," 2v. 1872; "William Rathbone: a Sermon," by C. Wicksteed, 1868; "A Trip to the Brocken," by H. Heine, 1881; "The Liverpool Fancy Ball, 1863" (a pamphlet).

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF EMIGRATION—"Canada To-Day," 1914.

ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS IN TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION—"8th Annual Conference (Liverpool): Handbook," 1914.

MR. H. C. BEASLEY (the Author)—"Description of a Footprint recently found in the Lower Keuper Sandstone of Runcorn Hill"; "Some Fossils from the Keuper Sandstone of Alton, Staffordshire" (pamphlets).

MR. J. BIBBY (the Editor)—"Bibby's Annual," 1914 (six copies).

H. M. BOARD OF TRADE (LABOUR DEPARTMENT)—"Report on Changes in Wages and Hours of Labour," 1913; "Report on Strikes and Lock-Outs," 1913; "17th Abstract of Labour Statistics, 1914."

BOOTLE ELECTRIC POWER AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE "Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association: Proceedings, 1914."

BRITISH DOMINIONS GENERAL INSURANCE CO., LTD.—"War Facts and Figures," 1914.

BRITISH INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SERVICE—"9th Annual Report," 1913.

MR. W. RUSKIN BUTTERFIELD (the Author)—"A British Folk Museum" (a pamphlet).

CARNEGIE UNITED KINGDOM TRUST—"First Annual Report," 1915.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY—"Proceedings," 1913–14.

DR. J. A. CLUBB (Curator)—"Handbook and Guide to the British Birds in the Lord Derby Natural History Museum, Liverpool."

CO-OPERATIVE UNION, LTD., MANCHESTER—"The 46th Annual Congress, 1914: Report."

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CANADA—"Experimental Farms: Reports for 1913," 1914; "Bulletins, Nos. 75–78."

MR. J. DONALD—"New Testament Christianity," by L. Oliver, 1911.

MR. C. R. HAND (the Author)—"Edge Lane Hall," 1913 (2 copies); "Liverpool Castle Token" 1913 (2 copies); Old Hutte at Halewood," 1913 (2 copies)—(pamphlets).

MR. G. F. KROMP HARDT—"Usonan Fundamental Law" (a pamphlet).

HIGH COMMISSIONER, COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA "Australia to-day," 1914; "Commonwealth of Australia: Parliamentary Debates, Session 1913, Index; Session 1914, Nos. 1–21, and Index; "The Year Book of Australia for 1914"; "Official Year Book, 1901–1913."

MESSRS. HODGES, FIGGIS & CO. (the Publishers) "Dublin University Calendar," 1914–15, 2v.

HUMANITARIAN LEAGUE—"Killing for Sport," 1914.

INCORPORATED SOCIETY OF MUSICIANS—"Memorandum and Articles of Association and Bye-Laws, also Register of Members for 1914 and 1915," 2v.

MR. C. JANET (the Author)—"Le Volvox," 1912.

JOHN RYLANDS LIBRARY, MANCHESTER—"A Brief Historical Description of the Library and its contents," 1914; "Bibliographical Notes for Students of the Old Testament," by A. S. Peake, 1913; "Bibliographical Notes for Students of the New Testament," by A. S. Peake, 1914.

"The Modern Greek and his Ancestry," by A. Thumb, 1914; "A Short Bibliography of Works on the Babylonian Stories of Creation and the Flood," by C. H. W. Johns, 1913; "Bulletin," vol. 2, No. 1.

Mr. C. G. Knill—"The Public Advertiser." Wed. Dec. 27th, 1769.

Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society—"Transactions," Vols 6, 7, 9–13, 16–18, 20–25, 27–31, 21 vols. 1889–1911.

Lancashire County Council—"Report of Field Trials with varieties of Oats" (Bulletin, No. 26), 1914; "Report of an Experiment on the Feeding of Dairy Cows" (Bulletin, No. 28), 1914.

Libraries—*Catalogues* from Blackburn, Liverpool (Athenæum).

Bulletins from Cardiff, Croydon, New York (U.S.A.), Sunderland.

Reports from Aberdeen, Accrington, Ashton-under-Lyne, Baltimore, U.S.A. (Enoch Pratt Library), Barrow-in-Furness, Batley, Battersea, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bolton, Bournemouth, Bradford, Bristol, Bury, Buxton, Cambridge, Cheltenham, Chicago, U.S.A. (John Crerar Library), Chorley, Colchester, Coventry, Cripplegate, Croydon, Derby, Dukinfield, Dundee, Ealing, Eccles, Folkestone, Fulham, Gateshead, Gloucester, Grand Rapids (U.S.A.), Great Yarmouth, Hereford, Hornsey, Hove, Ilkley, Ipswich, Kensal Rise, Kidderminster, Kingston-upon-Thomas, Leeds, Leicester, Lincoln, Liverpool, Liverpool Library (Lyceum), Loughborough, Newcastle-under-Lyne, Newton-in-Makerfield, Northampton, Nottingham, Osaka (Japan), Penarth, Rawtenstall, Rochdale, Runcorn, St. Annes-on-the-Sea, St. Helens, Salem (U.S.A.), Salford, Shoreditch, Smethwick, Southwark, Stoke Newington, Tottenham, Walthamstow, Wandsworth, Warrington, Waterloo-with-Seaforth, West Bromwich, West Hartlepool, Westminster, Widnes, Wigan, Willesden Green, Wimbledon, Workington, York.

Liverpool Geological Society—"Proceedings, Session 1913–14."

Liverpool Health Committee—"Report on the Health of the City of Liverpool, 1913," by E. W. Hope, Medical Officer.

Liverpool Literary and Philosophical Society—"Proceedings, 1912–14," vol. 63.

Liverpool Naturalists' Field Club—"Proceedings for the years 1913 and 1914," 2v.; "Wirral Fungi: pt. III, Ascomycetes," 1914.

Liverpool University—"University of Liverpool: Calendar for 1914–15;" "Prospectuses" (various) for 1914; "Report of Senate upon Research and other Original Work," 1913–14.

Messrs. Longmans, Green & Co. (the Publishers) "The Mystery of Existence," by C. W. Armstrong, 1909.

Messrs. W. Macdonald & Co. (the Publishers)—"English Directory and Gazetteer," 1914, 2v.

Messrs. Macmillan & Co., Ltd. (the Publishers)—"The Irish Question" (Reprinted from "The Round Table" of Dec. 1913).

Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co., Ltd—"The year book of Wireless Telephony," 1914.

Messrs. Mather & Crowther, Ltd.—"Practical Advertising," 1915.

Mr. J. G. Millwaters—"Prayer Book," 1714. (imperfect)

Museums—*Reports* from Bristol, Glasgow, Norwich, Sheffield (Ruskin Museum), Stockport.

National Museum, Ireland.—"Museum Bulletin," vol. 3, pts. 2–4.

National Museum of Wales—"7th Annual Report, 1913–14."

National Temperance Federation—"29th Annual Report"; "Famous Fanatics," by G. Hayler, 1911; "Prohibition Advance in all Lands," by G. Hayler, 1914.

National Union of Teachers—"Report for 1914."

Our Animal Brothers' Guild—"Our Animal Brothers," vols. 8 & 9, 1913, 1914.

Parents' National Educational Union—"23rd Annual Report," 1914

MESSRS. J. & J. PATON (the Publishers)—"Paton's List of Schools and Tutors," 1914–15.

MESSRS. KEGAN PAUL, TRENCH, TRUBNER & CO., LTD (the Publishers).—"The Temples of the Orient and their Message," 1902.

PRETORIA MUNICIPALITY (per the Town Clerk)—"The City of Pretoria and Districts," 1913 (2 copies).

RATIONALIST PRESS ASSOCIATION, LTD.—"A Short History of Free Thought," by J. M. Robertson, 2v. 1906.

RIPON CORPORATION (per the Town Clerk)—"Ripon City Museum: Opening Ceremony" (a reprint).

MISS RIPPARD—"The Confession of Faith: the Larger and Shorter Catechisms."

ROYAL COLONIAL INSTITUTE—"Our Just Cause: facts about the War," 1914.

ROYAL DUBLIN SOCIETY—"Economic Proceedings," vol. 2, nos. 7–9; "Scientific Proceedings," vol. 14, nos. 8,–23.

ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA TOWN COUNCIL—"Warwick and Leamington," by E. Haslehurst and G. Morley, 1913.

MR. J. PAUL RYLANDS, F.S.A.—"The Chorleys of Chorley Hall,' by J. Wilson, 1907; "St. Gregory's Minster, Kirkdale," by Rev. F. W. Powell, 1909; Marshall's "Handbook to the Ancient Courts of Probate," 1889.

ST. CATHERINE'S PRESS (the Publishers)—"Producers *versus* Parasites; or, the British Workman's Burden."

SALVATION ARMY—"About a Thirty Years' War: the Women's Social Work of the Salvation Army," 1914.

MR. J. P. SCOTT, B.A.—"Æsop's and other Fables"; "Asgard and the Norse Heroes," by K. F. Boult; "A Child's Book of Saints," by W. Canton; "Hans Brinker," by M. M. Dodge; "Heroes of England," by J. G. Edgar; "Chronicles of England, France, Spain, etc." by J. Froissart; "Feats on the Fiord," by H. Martineau; "Mother Goose's Book of Nursery Rhymes and Songs"; "Heidi," by J. Spyri; "Cast up by the Sea," by S. W. Baker" (10 volumes of Everyman's Library).

MESSRS. SELLS, LTD (the Publishers)—"Twentieth Century Impressions of Canada," compiled by H. J. Boam, 1914.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, WASHINGTON, U.S.A.—"Report on the United States National Museum, 1912–13."

SOUTH EASTERN & CHATHAM RAILWAY CO.—"Official Guide," 1913.

H. M. STATIONERY OFFICE—Continuation of Consular and Diplomatic Reports, and of House of Commons papers, etc., as selected from the Official List of Government Publications by the Borough Librarian.

STUBBS' PUBLISHING CO.—"Stubbs' Directory, 1914."

LORD SUDELEY—"The Public Utility of Museums: Extract from Parliamentary Debates" (4 copies).

SWEDENBORG SOCIETY—"The Apocalypse Revealed," by E. Swedenborg, 1909.

TESTIMONY PUBLISHING CO., CHICAGO—"The Fundamentals," vol. 11 (2 copies).

TRUSTEES OF THE BRITISH MUSEUM—"Catalogue of the Cretaceous Flora," pt. I, 1913; "Catalogue of the Lepidoptera Phalanae," vol. 13, 1913; "Catalogue of the Ungulate Mammals," vol. 2, 1914; "Schools of Illumination: reproductions from Manuscripts in the British Museum, pt. I, 1914.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF EDUCATION—"Report of the Commissioner of Education, 1912–13," 2v.

UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY—"34th Annual Report of the Geological Survey," 1913.

UNIVERSITY CORRESPONDENCE COLLEGE "London University Guide and University Correspondence College Calendar, 1914–15."

MR. R. WELSH.—"Belfast Municipal Art Gallery and Museum: Quarterly Notes," Christmas, 1914.

MESSRS. HENRY YOUNG & SONS, LTD. (the Publishers). "A Crusade into Catalonia 1894," by H. Ballantine, 1913.

LIST OF DONORS AND DONATIONS

TO THE

PUBLIC MUSEUM.

Councillor B. E. Bailey—A Model of the Rock Lighthouse.

Mr. J. C. Bell—Relief Model of Scarborough and immediate district.

Mr. E. P. Cassady—A Jug and Basin (Staffordshire ware) in commemoration of the visit of General La Fayette to the United States in 1824.

Mr. D. Clifford—A Gull, in the flesh.

Mr. W. Davies—"The Busy Mersey" (2 unmounted photographs); Portion of Elm Water Pipe, excavated from under the roadway at Canning Graving Docks, June 1914.

Mrs. A. Graves—Examples of Hand Embroidery (2 pieces).

Mr. H. Harum—Antique Cream Jug (minus handle).

Mr. W. McCarthy—Indian Sacrificial Utensils (3 objects).

Alderman J. W. E. Smith—A copy of the "Liverpool Chronicle," for October 10th, 1804.

Mr. G. Thornton—Cascara Bean (Sagrada); Virgin Copper with Spar; Pewter Gill Pot, with glass bottom; Candle Snuffer, with Tray (Steel); Shot Mould for Flint-Lock Rifle (Steel); Medal (facsimile), the obverse showing a portrait of Christ; Horn-Handled Knife (Italian); Cubes of Antimony, Gun Metal, Tin, Lead, and Ruby Glass; 23 miscellaneous Coins; Obelisk, made of macerated United States Banknotes.

Mr. S. Williams—Two Roman copper coins.

LOANS AND LENDERS.

Mr. C. Cockerham—Photogravure of Wylie's picture of the *S.S. Teutonic*; Photograph of Propeller Blades taken off *S.S. Yeoman*; Photograph of Model of Twin Screw Steamers *Monteagle* and *Montfort*.

Mr. A. E. Horrocks—Collections of English Table Glass (113 pieces) and Old Pewter (69 pieces).

National Gallery Board—Oil Paintings (five) valued at £1,480.

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOOTLE.

THE TWENTY-NINTH

GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

Free Library and Museum COMMITTEE,

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1916.

SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL ON 7th June, 1916.

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Mr. Councillor JOHNSTON, Deputy-Chairman.

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The MAYOR, Mr. Councillor Cassady.

**Died February 19th, 1915.*

Free Library and Museum Committee.

1915–16.

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CHARLES H. HUNT.

Sub-Librarian :
WILLIAM T. MONTGOMERY.

Senior Assistant :
WILLIAM WILLIAMS.

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†B. ROBINSON, †C. MEAKIN, MURIEL HUNT, M. O'BRIEN, MARY THOMAS, GWENDOLINE BISHOP, LOTTIE CURTIS, and E. LEIGH.

Janitor :
†THOMAS WOODS.
(JOHN MORGAN, *Pro. tem.*)

† *On Military Service.*

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOOTLE.

TWENTY-NINTH GENERAL REPORT

OF THE

FREE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg to report on the work of the Libraries, and of the Museum, for the year ended 31st March, 1916, as follows :—

THE COMBINED LIBRARIES.—During the period under notice 123,289 book issues resulted from the public demands made upon the resources of the Central and Branch Libraries. Compared with the transactions of the previous year the returns showed a decrease of 2,739 issues, which represented a decline in output of 15 volumes per working day.

THE CENTRAL LIBRARY.—Statistical details as to the stock, and the use made thereof, are given in tabular form on page 8. 112,402 issues were recorded (1,026 more than last year), which gave an average daily output in all classes of 366. 442 books, representative of the best of the season's publications, have been acquired, whilst 759 worn-out books, which included several obsolete editions of technical works, were replaced by new and current copies. 1,395 volumes were bound, 99 resewn or covered afresh, whilst minor repairs to numerous books were executed by the staff. The borrowers enrolled, inclusive of 131 holders of Teachers Tickets, numbered 4,830 ; of these, 922 applied for and received the second ticket allocated for non-fictional reading, whereby the total of tickets in active use was raised to 5,752. 3,119 applications were made to readers for the return of overdue books, but in not a single case was it found necessary to approach the guarantor in order to obtain restitution. Owing to the shortage of trained assistants it was deemed advisable to suspend the July stocktaking, but an interim report on the state of the stock was subsequently presented. The provision of some additional shelving in the Reference Library has contributed to the smoother working of that department.

Tickets entitling the holders to the free use of the Students' Room have been extended to 13 applicants, but it is to be regretted that the prevailing public tension is inimical to the prosecution of sustained study. The total number of permits in force was 35.

The following issues were recorded in connection with the book delivery system operative at the Elementary Schools :—Bedford Road, 6,741 ; Gray Street, 1,844 ; Hawthorne Road, 2,577 ; Linacre, 1,329 ; Salisbury Road, 916 ; Orrell, 2,270 ; Christ Church, 2,053 ; St. Mary's, 1,851 ; St. John's, 259 ; St. James's, 2,191 ; St. James's Select, 1,263 ; and St. Winefride's, 1,056,—Total, 24,350. In addition to the foregoing returns, 21,058 issues were registered at the Library between deliveries. Enquiries as to the methods employed have been received from various sources, and printed information thereupon has been forwarded to each applicant.

Seeing that only a slight improvement has manifested itself in the yield of the rate levied for Library purposes, it was again deemed expedient to defer the publication of certain class-lists until a more opportune time. Meanwhile, however, the needs of readers have been fairly well met by the manuscript card catalogues, by the circulation of printed lists of additions to stock, and by the systematic display of books on the service counter.

Books on specific topics have again been freely requisitioned by the Secondary School for Girls, the School of Art, the Technical School, and the Evening Continuation School. These loans, it may be reiterated, serve a distinctly useful object, inasmuch as they familiarize students with the contents of the Library, and conduce to a steady individual demand for books of permanent interest and value.

The Book Delivery associated with the works of Messrs. Johnson Brothers, Limited, Dyers, has been regularly maintained, 4,239 issues having been made to the employees of that well-organised local industry.

On Friday evening, 8th October, the Library was visited by upwards of 50 members of the Liverpool and District Association of Assistant Librarians, when the Borough Librarian, in his capacity as President, gave an illustrated lecture entitled *From Books to Pictures by Way of a Change.* Prior to its delivery the delegates inspected the various departments, and noted with interest the variety and extent of the institution's undertakings.

Owing to the withdrawal of cheap travelling facilities, consequent upon the exceptional requirements of the military authorities, the customary Annual Exhibition of Holiday Literature had to be abandoned. It is hoped, however, to resuscitate it when national conditions are easier.

The Bootle Photographic Society has successfully carried through another session of useful work in a basement room of the building, where an attractive syllabus of lantern lectures and demonstrations was submitted for the delectation of members and visitors.

The Central Reading Rooms.—Despite lighting restrictions and other abnormalities which have originated through the war, 84,278 visits were paid by readers to these rooms.

The Marsh Lane Branch Library.—Detailed particulars of the stock, and of the use made thereof, are afforded in the table given on page 9. 10,887 issues were registered (3,765 less than last year), which showed an average daily output of 36. Readers' tickets in regular use numbered 340. 19 volumes have been added, whilst 161 books were bound, and 132 well-worn items replaced by fresh copies. Circulars were addressed to 127 borrowers for the return of outstanding books, but in only one instance was the guarantor requested to intervene.

The Marsh Lane Reading Rooms.—Notwithstanding the Borough's excellent recruiting record, and the plenitude of employment locally, the visits paid to the Branch Reading Rooms attained to the total of 67,948. The installation of a new and improved Electric Fan has conduced to better atmospheric conditions.

The Museum.—41,291 attendances have been registered in this department, whereby its popularity has been effectively demonstrated. Much useful work has been accomplished in the shape of cleaning, rearrangement, and preservation of specimens, whilst sundry donations of a minor character have been suitably set up and described. Dr. J. A. Clubb, Curator of the Liverpool Museums, has taken over a number of the duplicate specimens of Foreign Birds, and has forwarded in exchange therefor 24 nicely mounted specimens of British Birds. Your Committee view with much appreciation the spirit of helpfulness evinced by the authorities of the City Museums. In conformity with a previous minute, 75

duplicate specimens of the more common birds have been handed over to certain local schools for teaching purposes, whilst a few other examples have been utilised for exchange with a kindred institution.

The utility of the Museum as a teaching auxiliary has again been abundantly confirmed, specimens having been lent to the following educational establishments, namely: Secondary School for Boys, Secondary School for Girls, School of Art, Junior Technical School, Balliol Road School, Bedford Road School, Gray Street School, Hawthorne Road School, Orrell School, Salisbury Road School, and Christ Church School. These loans have, admittedly, proved of much assistance to teachers in the elucidation of object lessons.

In July some 50 children from Orrell Council School, accompanied by their teacher, inspected the collections, when attention was especially directed to exhibits illustrative of nature study.

The Art Room.—The loans to this apartment have been fewer than usual owing to the greatly depleted staffs in the National Museums, and to the restricted facilities for transit. A new and striking loan of art objects, from the Circulation Collections department of the Victoria and Albert Museum, was, however, deposited in the local institution towards the close of April. The collection—appraised for insurance at £1,050—was arranged by Mr. A. E. J. Torrens, and comprised the following exhibits, namely :—English and other Porcelain (31 pieces), English Earthenware (39 pieces), Ecclesiastical Vestments, etc. (5 examples), Italian Bronzes and Reproductions of the same (30 objects), and Oil Paintings (8 frames). Your Committee hereby record their warm appreciation of the helpfulness extended to the Museum from time to time by the responsible officials of the Board of Education.

The Second Circulating Collection of Drawings and Sketches executed by J. M. W. Turner, R.A., kindly lent by the Trustees of the National Gallery of British Art, came to hand on the last day of June, and has since attracted considerable attention. The framed exhibits, which numbered 53, were valued for insurance at £2,300.

In February, before a fair onlooking, the Mayor (Councillor James Pearson, J.P.) formally opened the 22nd Annual Exhibition of the Bootle Photographic Society. The exhibits, which numbered 124, were arranged

by members of the Society with the help of the staff. The work displayed showed a marked advance in artistic treatment, and was warmly appraised by the judge, Mr. S. J. M. Brown. Considerable interest was evinced in the exhibition during the ten weeks that it remained open.

The attention of the public was drawn to the foregoing attractions by means of paragraphs in the local press, and by the circulation of printed notices.

Museum Addresses.—In consequence of staff shortage and other disadvantages, it was decided to suspend the Curator's addresses until the advent of less irksome conditions.

Lectures and Entertainments.—Owing to the inability of your Committee to secure the free use, as heretofore, of the requisite rooms, the customary Popular Lectures and Lantern Entertainments had to be suspended. It is earnestly hoped, however, that permission will be given for their revival after the cessation of the war.

Staff.—William Williams, Senior Assistant, has passed the examination of the Library Association in Library Routine, and is now the holder of two certificates for proficiency in his work.

Thomas Woods, Janitor, and Ben Robinson, Second Senior Assistant, were called up in June and February respectively for military service. It is gratifying to record that three members of the staff are now serving King and Country.

Owing to the more favourable pay and hours obtaining in other forms of employment, considerable difficulty has been experienced throughout the year in retaining the services of junior assistants, no less than 12 having been appointed, of whom 8 left after very brief service. Notwithstanding the strain induced by the foregoing drawbacks, painstaking and efficient service has been rendered by the remaining members of the permanent staff.

Dated this 25th day of May, 1916.

HUGH CARRUTHERS,
Chairman.

CENTRAL LIBRARY STATISTICS.

	LENDING DEPARTMENT.						REFERENCE DEPARTMENT				THE ENTIRE LIBRARY	
	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1915	Added 1915-16	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1916	Issues 1915-1916			Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1915	Added 1915-16	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1916	Issues 1915-1916	Total No. of Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1916	Total Issues in each Class 1915-1916
				Adult	Juvenile	Total						
Biography	1712	12	1724	1008	635	1643	303	4	307	154	2031	1797
Philology and Literary History	279	..	279	141	5	146	1292	25	1317	263	1596	409
Religion	1173	15	1188	672	58	730	432	5	437	92	1625	822
Sociology, Political History, Topography and Travel ..	2890	41	2931	2503	2244	4747	3145	68	3213	387	6144	5134
Mental and Moral Science ..	212	2	214	207	9	216	20	..	20	48	234	264
Poetry	606	..	606	468	143	611	58	..	58	57	664	668
Prose Fiction, *including Fiction in the Juvenile Library* ..	8291	125	8416	43676	44086	87762	13	..	13	239	8429	88001
Fine Arts	344	4	348	305	47	352	699	16	715	236	1063	588
Mathematical and Natural Science	1232	4	1236	871	630	1501	1397	27	1424	257	2660	1758
Technical Literature	924	14	938	1827	762	2589	2338	15	2353	293	3291	2882
General and Unclassed Works	2015	32	2047	7533	988	8521	1018	15	1033	373	3080	8894
Local Literature (i.e., Bootle)	..	..	..	..	..	..	224	17	241	46	241	46
Music Scores	443	1	444	1074	22	1096	..	..	..	43	444	1139
Totals	20121	250	20371	60285	49629	109914	10939	192	11131	2488	31502	112402

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Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at 84,278. Attendance in Museum estimated at 41,291.

MARSH LANE BRANCH LIBRARY STATISTICS.

	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1915.	Added 1915-16	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1916.	Issues for Home Reading 1915-16.	Issues for Reference. 1915-16.	Total issues in each Class. 1915-16.
Biography	215	1	216	53	25	78
Philology and Literary History ..	18	..	18	4	5	9
Religion	110	..	110	19	4	23
Sociology, Political History, Topography and Travel	426	9	435	226	90	316
Mental and Moral Science	20	..	20	3	4	7
Poetry	71	..	71	20	6	26
Prose Fiction	2186	9	2195	9675	589	10264
Fine Arts	32	..	32	..	2	2
Mathematical and Natural Science..	125	..	125	27	17	44
Technical Literature..	111	..	111	56	37	93
General and Unclassed Works ..	64	..	64	16	9	25
Totals	3378	19	3397	10099	788	10887

N.B.—No account is taken in this table of the large use made of Directories, Annuals, etc., in the Reading Rooms.

Average Day's Issue for Reference, 3. Average Day's Issue for Home Reading, 33.

Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 792.

For Home Reading, 10,099. Grand Total, 10,891.

Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at 67,948.

LIST OF DONORS AND DONATIONS

TO THE

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Mrs. J. Allen—13 Works by the late James Allen, and 5 Works by Mrs. J. Allen.

Dr. Barnardo's Homes (per the Secretary)—"For God and Country: 49th Annual Report," 1914.

Belfast Municipal Art Gallery and Museum Committee—"Quarterly Notes," Nos. 27 and 29.

Mr. J. Bibby (the Editor)—"Bibby's Annual," 1915 (six copies).

Bootle Electric Power and Lighting Committee—"Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association: Proceedings, 1915."

British Institute of Social Service—"Tenth Annual Report, 1914."

Canadian Northern Railway System—"Across a Continent."

Carnegie United Kingdom Trust—"A Report on Library Provision and Policy," by W. G. S. Adams, 1915; "Second Annual Report," 1915.

Central Association of Accountants—"List of Members, Articles, Bye-Laws, Examination Papers, Library Catalogue, etc., 1914–15."

Church Emigration Society—"Annual Reports," 1914 and 1915.

Church Missionary Society—"Proceedings," 1914–15.

Co-Operative Union, Ltd., Manchester—"The 47th Annual Congress, 1915: Report."

Department of Agriculture, Canada—"Experimental Farms: Reports for 1914"; Bulletins, Nos. 83, 84, 85"; "Seasonable Hints," No. 3.

Lady Durning-Lawrence—"The Shakespeare Myth: Milton's Epitaph and Macbeth prove Bacon is Shakespeare," by Sir E. Durning-Lawrence, 1913.

Emigration Assistant Superintendent—"Opportunities in Canada" 1915.

Executor of the Estate of the late Sir Alfred L. Jones—"Sir Alfred Lewis Jones, K.C.M.G.", by A. H. Milne, 1914.

Colonel J. Garnier—"Revolution and War," by M. F. Cusack; "How Germany makes War," by Col. C. P. Lynden-Bell (pamphlets) (2 copies).

Gladstone Family—"Correspondence on Church and Religion of William Ewart Gladstone," 2 vols. 1910.

Mr. W. Gordon—"Firelight Fancies," by. E. M. Gordon, 1912; "Purple Heather," by E. M. Gordon, 1910.

Mr. C. R. Hand (the Author)—"The Brothers Beattie and their Drawings of Old Liverpool," 1914 (2 copies).

Rev. H. W. Hawkes (the Author)—"Gathered Fragments from many years."

High Commissioner, Commonwealth of Australia—"The Year Book of Australia for 1915"; "Australia and the War," part I, 1915; "Commonwealth of Australia: Parliamentary Debates, Session 1915," Nos. 1–63.

Messrs. Hodges, Figgis & Co., Ltd. (the Publishers)—"Dublin University Calendar," 1915–16. 2 v.

International Institute of Agriculture, Rome—"Marketing of Farm Products," 1915; "Steadying the World's Price of the Staples," 1915.

International Woman Suffrage Alliance—"Woman Suffrage in Practice," 1913.

Lancashire & Cheshire Fauna Committee—"1st Annual Report, 1914 (2 copies).

LANCASHIRE EDUCATION COMMITTEE—"Scheme of Agricultural Education: Session 1915–16."

LIBRARIES—

Catalogues from Birmingham, Blackburn, Liverpool (Athenæum) Liverpool (Lyceum).

Bulletins from Cardiff, Croydon, Manchester (John Rylands Library), New York (U.S.A.), Sunderland.

Reports from Aberdeen, Accrington, Ashton-under-Lyne, Baltimore, U.S.A. (Enoch Pratt Library), Barrow-in-Furness, Batley, Battersea, Belfast, Birkenhead, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bolton, Bournemouth, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Burnley, Bury, Buxton, Chelsea, Chicago, U.S.A. (John Crerar Library), Chorley, Cork, Cripplegate, Croydon, Derby, Dukinfield, Dundee, Eastbourne, Eccles, Fulham, Grand Rapids (U.S.A.), Great Yarmouth, Hornsey, Hove, Ipswich, Kensal Rise, Kingston-upon-Thames, Leeds, Leicester, Leyton, Lincoln, Liverpool, Liverpool Library (Lyceum), Loughborough, Manchester, Middlesborough, Newton-in-Makerfield, Northampton, Norwich, Nottingham, Osaka (Japan), Penarth, Portsmouth, Rawtenstall, Rochdale, Runcorn, St. Annes-on-the-Sea, St. Helens, Salem (U.S.A.), Salford, Shoreditch, Smethwick, Stoke Newington, Tottenham, Walthamstow, Wandsworth, Warrington, Westminster, Wigan, Willesden Green, Wimbledon, York.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, WASHINGTON—"Report of the Librarian of Congress, 1913–14." "Publications issued since 1897" (Jan. 1915).

LIVERPOOL GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY—"Proceedings, Session 1914–15."; "On the Igneous and Pyroclastic Rocks of the Berwyn Hills" (Cope Memorial Volume), 1915.

LIVERPOOL HEALTH COMMITTEE—"Report on the Health of the City of Liverpool, 1914." by E. W. Hope, Medical Officer.

LIVERPOOL MICROSCOPICAL SOCIETY—"Reports, 1901–12, and 1915."

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY—"University of Liverpool: Calendar for 1915–16."

LORD'S DAY REST ASSOCIATION—"The Lost Daughter," by C. Hill.

MANCHESTER MUSEUM COMMITTEE—"The Stela of Sebek-Khu" (publication No. 75), 1914; "Report of the Museum Committee for 1913—14."

MARCONI WIRELESS TELEGRAPH CO., LTD.—"The year book of Wireless Telegraphy and Telephony," 1915.

Mr. J. G. MILLWATERS—"Psalms of the Church, adapted for four voices," by E. Cruse.

Mrs. MOLLEDA—Spanish Newspaper (8 issues); "Captain Margaret."

MUSEUMS—*Reports* from Bristol, Burnley, Colchester, Glasgow, Manchester, Norwich, Stockport.

Mr. H. MUSKER—"Angler's Diary," 1906; "Trout Fishing," by W. E. Hodgson, 1904; "Trolling for Pike," by H. C. Pennell; Baddeley's "Thorough Guides" (7 volumes); Cycling Maps of Chesterfield, and Liverpool and North Wales District; Ordnance Survey Maps (sheets, 9, 12 and 13), and various pamphlets on the British Colonies.

NATIONAL MUSEUM, IRELAND.—"Museum Bulletin," vol. 4, pts. 1 & 2.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WALES.—"8th Annual Report, 1914–15."

OUR ANIMAL BROTHERS', GUILD—"Our Animal Brothers," vols. 4, 8 and 10, 1909–15; "The Animals on Strike," 1915.

PARENTS' NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL UNION—"24th Annual Report," 1915.

Mr. W. H. PARRY—"Royal Commission on the War in South Africa: Report and Minutes of Evidence," 3 v. 1903.

MESSRS. J. & J. PATON (the Publishers)—"Paton's List of Schools and Tutors," 1915–16.

PHOENIX ASSURANCE CO., LTD.—"Roman and Mediæval Discoveries in London."

PICTORIAL PUBLISHING CO.—"Canadian Pictorial," Jan. 1916.

QUEENSLAND MUSEUM COMMITTEE—"Memoirs," vols. 3 and 4.

Mr. W. G. RAWLINSON (the Author)—"The Engraved Work of J. M. W. Turner, R.A.", 2 vols. 1913.

ROYAL DUBLIN SOCIETY—"Economic Proceedings," volume 2, no. 10; "Scientific Proceedings," vol. 14, nos. 24–41.

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Liverpool Branch)—"The Animal World," vol. 10, 1915 (2 copies).

Mr. J. W. SCHOLEFIELD, J.P.—34 Novels and 14 Miscellaneous Works.

Capt. E. J. SMITH MEMORIAL COMMITTEE —"A Souvenir of July 29th, 1914."

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, WASHINGTON, U.S.A.—"Annual Reports for 1913 and 1914," 2 vols.; "Report on the United States National Museum, 1913–14."

H.M. STATIONERY OFFICE—Continuation of Consular and Diplomatic Reports, and of House of Commons papers, etc., as selected from the Official List of Government Publications by the Borough Librarian.

MESSRS. SUTTON & SONS (the Authors)—"The Culture of Vegetables and Flowers," 1915.

Dr. A. BETTS TAPLIN (the Author)—"Hypnotism," 1913.

TESTIMONY PUBLISHING CO.—"The Fundamentals," vol. 12 (2 copies).

Messrs. W. P. THOMPSON & Co.—"Handbook of Patent Law," 1915.

TRADES' DIRECTORIES, Ltd. (the Publishers)—"Noth-Eastern Counties of England Trades' Directory, 1915."

TRUSTEES OF MRS. HONYMAN GILLESPIE. —The life and teaching of William Honyman Gillespie," 1915.

TRUSTEES OF THE BRITISH MUSEUM—"Catalogue of the Ungulate Mammals," vols. 3 and 4, 1915; "Catalogue of the Frosh-water Fishes of Africa," vol. 3, 1915; "Catalogue of the Lepidoptera Phalænæ: Supplement," vol. I, 1914; "Guide to the Fossil Remains of Man," 1915; "Schools of Illumination: reproductions from Manuscripts in the British Museum," pt. 2, 1915.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF EDUCATION —"Opportunities for Foreign Students at Colleges and Universities in the United States," by S. P. Capen, 1915; "Report of the Commissioner of Education, 1913–14," 2v.

UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY—"35th Annual Report of the Geological Survey," 1914.

UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE —"Speech of Hon. John D. Works," (Jan. 5th and 6th, 1915).

Mr. J. WEBSTER, J.P.—Parcel of Miscellaneous Engravings.

Mr. E. WILLMORE (the Author)—"Nicholas Avenon's Charity," 1915.

Mr. B. J. WOLFENDEN, Borough Engineer —"Cunard Steamship Co., Ltd., Royal Mail Steamships," 1893.

LIST OF DONORS AND DONATIONS

TO THE

PUBLIC MUSEUM.

Mr. P. Arnold—Oil Painting, depicting an outward bound American clipper being towed from the Mersey.

Mr. Councillor B. E. Bailey—Eggs of certain British Birds, in case.

Bootle Parks and Baths Committee—American Owl, in the flesh.

Miss Crawley—A Collection of Photographic Negatives, taken by the late C. St. C. Crawley.

Mr. C. W. Dover—A pair of Squirrels (mounted).

Mr. Councillor Duthie—A Framed Photographic Enlargement showing a Fig Tree which had flourished undisturbed for 100 years, being transplanted in Sydney, N.S.W.

Rev. J. Howell Evans—Fossil, from the Blue Stone Quarry, Nantglyn, Denbigh.

Sergt. R. Hincks (Canadian Highlanders)—German Hand Grenade, picked up at Loos.

Mr. Councillor H. Littler—A Baboon (mounted).

Mr. W. H. Mallinson—Time Fuse of a Shell, found after Neuve Chapelle.

Mr. G. E. Petrie—Bolts (3), with Pre-Whitworth threads, and Nails (8) of wrought iron, found in old houses in Hatton Garden, Liverpool.

Rev. J. R. Robinson—4 Examples of Ancient Greek Pottery: Unguent Bottles (2), Statuette, and Doll; Fragment of a Tile (Mediæval).

Mr. J. H. Smith—Specimens of Spiegeleisen, Ferro-Manganese, Blister Steel, Swedish Ore, and Spanish Ore.

Mr. G. Thornton—Sample of Virgin Rubber; Crucibles (4 examples); Sample of a Hardwood (Cam Wood) and a cup made therefrom; Shipwright's Brace (early 18th Century); Powder Flask in Metal (minus top); Gutta-Percha Bottle and sample of Gutta-Percha; Kaffir-made Wooden Pipe (unfinished); Small Clay Pot from the Mediterranean; Turtle's skull; Cartridge in sections; Cartridges and Cartridge cases; Ushabti figure; Sample of Electro-deposited Copper; Antique Keys (4 specimens); Pair of Metal Vases (native Indian work); Kaffir Bead-work (3 examples); Kaffir Anklets or Wristlets of wire-work (4 specimens); Tablet of Soap from Abraham's Vineyard, Jerusalem; An Epergne made of metal, marble, and glass; A Tea-Poy (in mahogany); Commemorative Placques of Columbus and Washington, issued in the U.S.A.; Indenture of Apprenticeship; Copper Coins (13); A Tinker's Dam; "Cape Times" (weekly edition) for Dec. 11th, 1901; Portion of Shell; Specimens of Myrrh, Aloes, and Mandrake Root; Turkish Shell (minus nose); Nose of Shell (minus one section).

Mr. W. Wallace—15 Local Prints.

Capt. W. K. Wallace—19 Chinese Coins, several of which are rare.

LOANS AND LENDERS.

Board of Education—*See body of Report, Victoria and Albert Museum.*

Mr. G. Brassey—Colt Revolver, found on a German officer in a captured trench; a Dart dropped from a German Aeroplane.

Mr. C. Cockerham—Photogravure of Wylie's picture of the *S.S. Teutonic.*

Mr. A. E. Horrocks—Collections of English Table Glass (113 pieces) and Old Pewter (69 pieces).

National Gallery Board—Oil Paintings (five) valued at £1,480.

Dr. P. Nelson—Examples of German Iron Jewellery.

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOOTLE.

FREE LIBRARY & MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

STATISTICS

for the two years ended 31st March, 1918.

ISSUED IN LIEU OF THE 30TH AND 31ST GENERAL REPORTS.

SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL ON 3rd JULY, 1918.

BOOTLE:
BOOTLE TIMES, LIMITED, 30, ORIEL ROAD
—
1918.

BOOK DELIVERIES.

Elementary Schools—	1916-17	1917-18
Bedford Road	6950 ...	5845
Gray Street	1437 ...	1206
Hawthorne Road	2693 ...	750
Linacre	1042 ...	646
Salisbury Road	467 ...	106
Orrell	2103 ...	2194
Christ Church	2220 ..	2335
St. Mary's	1053 ...	595
St. John's	520 ...	1000
St. James'	1103 ...	918
St. James' Select	689 ...	911
St. Winefride's	877 ...	530
Balliol Road (special deliveries)	168 ...	—
	21322	17036
Books issued to scholars over counter (*i.e.* between deliveries)	23926	28213
Grand Total	45248	45249
Messrs. Johnson Bros. (Dyers) Limited	4514	4724

Statistics for the two years ended 31st March, 1917-1918.

	Central Library		Marsh Lane Branch Library	
	1916-17	1917-18	1916-17	1917-18
Books Added	490	664	65	36
Borrowers :				
Senior	1475	1460		
Teachers	103	101		
Students	16	1		
Juvenile	3415	3562		
	5009	5124		
Second (or Non-fictional) Tickets in use	796	819		
Total	5805	5943	290	308
Book Issues :				
Home Reading—Total .	107577	116407	8665	10420
Home Reading—Daily Average	351	385	28	34
Reference—Total	1424	1490	474	420
Reference—Daily Average ...	5	5	2	2
Applications for Return of Overdue Books	2254	3384	57	117
Binding :				
Books Bound or Re-Bound ...	1063	1520	125	323
Books Re-sewn or covered anew	102	20	—	1
Replacements	1009	1051	51	12
Reading Room Attendances :				
Total (estimated)	71596	70908	47090	47908
Daily Average	233	237	153	158

Museum Attendances.

	1916-17	1917-18
Total Attendance (estimated) ...	52810 ..	43841
Daily Average ,, ...	173 ...	145

MARSH LANE BRANCH LIBRARY STATISTICS, 1916-17.

	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1916.	Added 1916-17	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1917.	Issues for Home Reading 1916-17.	Issues for Reference, 1916-17.	Total issues in each Class, 1916-17.
Biography	216	1	217	47	12	59
Philology and Literary History ...	18	...	18		...	...
Religion	110	..	110	31	3	34
Sociology, Political History, Topography and Travel	435	...	435	164	44	208
Mental and Moral Science	20	...	20	2	2	4
Poetry	71	...	71	16	7	23
Prose Fiction	2195	63	2258	8298	367	8665
Fine Arts	32		32	1	2	3
Mathematical and Natural Science ...	125	...	125	14	7	21
Technical Literature	111	...	111	79	24	103
General and Unclassed Works ...	64	1	65	13	6	19
	3397	65	3462	8665	474	9139

N.B.—No account is taken in this table of the large use made of Directories, Annuals, etc., in the Reading Rooms.

Average Day's Issue for Reference 2. Average Day's Issue for Home Reading 28

Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 474

For Home Reading, 8,666. Grand Total, 9,140.

Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at 47,090.

MARSH LANE BRANCH LIBRARY STATISTICS, 1917-18.

	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1917.	Added 1917-18.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1918.	Issues for Home Reading 1917-18.	Issues for Reference, 1917-18.	Total Issues in each Class 1917-18.
Biography	217	1	218	50	17	67
Philology and Literary History .	18		18	...	..	...
Religion	110	...	110	18	6	24
Sociology, Political History, Topography and Travel	435	23	458	117	42	159
Mental and Moral Science	20	...	20	...	2	2
Poetry	71	...	71	18	10	28
Prose Fiction	2258	11	2269	10106	311	10417
Fine Arts	32	...	32	2	5	7
Mathematical and Natural Science ...	125	...	125	26	15	41
Technical Literature	111	...	111	64	10	74
General and Unclassed Works ...	65	1	66	19	2	21
	3462	36	3498	10420	420	10840

N.B.—No account is taken in this table of the large use made of Directories, Annuals, etc., in the Reading Rooms.

Average Day's Issue for Reference, 2. Average Day's Issue for Home Reading, 34

Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 421

For Home Reading, 10,420. Grand Total, 10,841.

Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at 47,908.

CENTRAL LIBRARY STATISTICS, 1916-17.

	LENDING DEPARTMENT.						REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.				THE ENTIRE LIBRARY.	
				Issues 1916-17.								
	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1916.	Added 1916-17.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1917.	Adults.	Juveniles.	Total.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1916.	Added 1916-17.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1917.	Issues 1916-17.	Total No. of Volumes in Stock, March 31st, 1917.	Total Issues in each Class 1916-17.
Biography	1724	21	1745	714	504	1218	307	1	308	64	2053	1282
Philology and Literary History	279	...	279	122	14	136	1317	7	1324	116	1603	252
Religion	1188	15	1203	526	39	565	437	2	439	67	1642	632
Sociology, Political History, Topography and Travel ...	2931	33	2964	1838	2147	3985	3213	35	3248	246	6212	4231
Mental and Moral Science ...	214	...	214	85	4	89	20	...	20	6	234	95
Poetry	606	4	610	310	123	433	58	...	58	66	668	499
Prose Fiction, *including Fiction in the Juvenile Library* ...	8416	264	8680	43755	44725	88480	13	...	13	252	8693	88657
Fine Arts	348	1	349	244	98	342	715	9	724	88	1073	430
Mathematical and Natural Science	1236	21	1257	667	555	1222	1424	3	1427	91	2684	1313
Technical Literature	938	25	963	1449	809	2258	2353	8	2361	144	3324	2402
General and Unclassed Works...	2047	31	2078	6607	1195	7802	1033	8	1041	240	3119	8042
Local Literature (*i.e.* Bootle) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	241	2	243	39	243	39
Music Scores	444	...	444	989	58	1047	...	...	...	5	444	1052
	20371	415	20786	57306	50271	107577	11131	75	11206	1424	31992	108926

N.B.—No account is taken in this table of the large use made of Directories, Annuals, etc., in the Reading Rooms.

Average Day's Issue for Reference, 5. Average Day's Issue for Home Reading, 351

Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 1623.

For Home Reading, 107,648. Grand Total, 109,271.

Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at 71,596. Attendance in Museum estimated at 52,810.

CENTRAL LIBRARY STATISTICS, 1917-18.

	LENDING DEPARTMENT.						REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.				THE ENTIRE LIBRARY.	
				Issues 1917-18.								
	Volumes in Stock, March 31st, 1917.	Added 1917-18.	Volumes in Stock, March 31st, 1918.	Adults.	Juveniles.	Total.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1917.	Added 1917-18.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1918.	Issues 1917-18	Total No. of Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1918.	Total Issues in each Class 1917-18.
Biography	1745	45	1790	751	521	1272	308	3	311	63	2101	1335
Philology and Literary History	279	3	282	92	5	97	1324	7	1331	83	1613	180
Religion	1203	5	1208	298	30	328	439	4	443	34	1651	362
Sociology, Political History, Topography and Travel ...	2964	56	3020	1585	1414	2999	3248	27	3275	219	6295	3218
Mental and Moral Science ...	214	...	214	103	3	106	20	...	20	8	234	114
Poetry	610	11	621	326	118	444	58	...	58	39	679	483
Prose Fiction, *including Fiction in the Juvenile Library* ...	8680	380	9060	50441	47468	97909	13	..	13	418	9073	98327
Fine Arts	349	5	354	233	50	283	724	6	730	68	1084	351
Mathematical and Natural Science	1257	15	1272	611	567	1178	1427	8	1435	71	2707	1249
Technical Literature	963	19	982	1245	913	2158	2361	8	2369	192	3351	2350
General and Unclassed Works...	2078	21	2099	7468	1101	8569	1041	19	1060	262	3159	8831
Local Literature (*i.e.* Bootle) ..	...	...			...	...	243	22	265	30	265	30
Music Scores	444	...	444	1043	21	1064	..	...	...	3	444	1067
	20786	560	21346	64196	52211	116407	11206	104	11310	1490	32656	117897

N.B.—No account is taken in this table of the large use made of Directories, Annuals, etc., in the Reading Rooms.

Average Day's Issue for Reference, 5. Average Day's Issue for Home Reading, 385.

Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 1,588.

For Home Reading, 116,504. Grand Total, 118,092.

Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at 70,908. Attendance in Museum estimated at 43,841.

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOOTLE.

FREE LIBRARY & MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

STATISTICS

for the year ended 31st March, 1919.

ISSUED IN LIEU OF THE 32ND GENERAL REPORT.

SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL ON 6th AUGUST, 1919.

BOOTLE:
BOOTLE TIMES, LIMITED, 30, ORIEL ROAD.
1919.

BOOK DELIVERIES.

Elementary Schools—

Bedford Road	6,598
Gray Street	1,136
Hawthorne Road	1,765
Linacre	1,645
Salisbury Road	383
Orrell	1,362
Christ Church	2,187
St. Mary's	862
St. John's	593
St. James'	1,252
St. James' Select	1,771
St. Winefride's	558
	20,112
Books issued to scholars over counter (*i.e.* between deliveries) ...	28,559
Grand Total	48,671
Messrs. Johnson Bros. (Dyers) Ltd....	4,343

Statistics for the year ended 31st March, 1919.

	Central Library	Marsh Lane Branch Library
Books Added	840	55
Borrowers:		
Senior	1,575	353
Teachers	115	
Juvenile	4,214	
	5,904	353
Second (or Non-fictional) Tickets in use by Seniors	919	
Total	6,823	353
Book Issues:		
Home Reading—Total	130,464	11,207
Home Reading—Daily Average	430	37
*Reference—Total	943	285
Reference—Daily Average	3	1
Applications for the Return of Overdue Books	3,103	180
Binding:		
Books Bound or Re-Bound	1,527	104
Books Re-Sewn or covered anew	24	1
Replacements	1,183	31
Reading Room Attendances:		
Total (estimated)	59,838	43,447
Daily Average	197	150

Museum Attendances.

Total Attendance (estimated) ...	42,417
Daily Average	139

* *The Reference Room proper has not been available since 9th July,* 1916.

CENTRAL LIBRARY STATISTICS, 1918-19.

	LENDING DEPARTMENT.						REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.					THE ENTIRE LIBRARY.	
				Issues 1918-19.									
	Volumes in Stock, March 31st, 1918.	Added 1918-19.	Volumes in Stock, March 31st, 1919.	Adults.	Juveniles.	Total.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1918.	Added 1918-19.	Withdrawn from Stock.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1919.	Issues, 1918-19.	Total No. of Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1919.	Total Issues in each Class 1918-19.
Biography	1790	37	1827	738	797	1535	311	1	27	285	33	2112	1568
Philology and Literary History	282	4	286	104	9	113	1331	7	...	1338	45	1624	158
Religion	1208	27	1235	262	151	413	443	7	...	450	32	1685	445
Sociology, Political History, Topography and Travel ...	3020	110	3130	2166	2399	4565	3275	11	238	3048	119	6178	4684
Mental and Moral Science ...	214	3	217	89	7	96	20	...	...	20	11	237	107
Poetry	621	14	635	345	187	532	58	...	...	58	28	693	560
Prose Fiction, *including Fiction in the Juvenile Library* ...	9060	572	9632	57105	51637	108742	13	..	...	13	259	9645	109001
Fine Arts	354	5	359	223	44	267	730	13	...	743	41	1102	308
Mathematical and Natural Science	1272	18	1290	736	1564	2300	1435	8	...	1443	39	2733	2339
Technical Literature	982	23	1005	1051	1238	2289	2369	6	1518	857	146	1862	2435
General and Unclassed Works...	2099	26	2125	7765	1181	8946	1060	17	219	858	185	2983	9131
Local Literature (*i.e.* Bootle) ..	.	...	...	...	...	...	265	18	116	167	4	167	4
Music Scores	444	1	445	658	8	666	...	...	...	...	1	445	667
	21346	840	22186	71242	59222	130464	11310	88	2118	9280	943	31466	131407

N.B.—No account is taken in this table of the large use made of Directories, Annuals, etc., in the Reading Rooms.

Average Day's Issue for Reference, 3. Average Day's Issue for Home Reading, 430.

Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 1,029.

For Home Reading, 130,593. Grand Total, 131,622.

Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at 59,838. Attendance in Museum estimated at 42,417.

MARSH LANE BRANCH LIBRARY STATISTICS, 1918-19.

	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1918.	Added 1918-19.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1919.	Issues for Home Reading 1918-19.	Issues for Reference, 1918-19.	Total Issues in each Class 1918-19.
Biography	218	1	219	51	6	57
Philology and Literary History ..	18	...	18	1	...	1
Religion	110	1	111	7	3	10
Sociology, Political History, Topography and Travel	458	2	460	77	14	91
Mental and Moral Science	20	...	20	3	...	3
Poetry	71	1	72	3	4	7
Prose Fiction	2269	50	2319	10969	237	11206
Fine Arts	32	...	32	5	...	5
Mathematical and Natural Science ...	125	...	125	17	6	23
Technical Literature	111	...	111	67	11	78
General and Unclassed Works ...	66	...	66	7	4	11
	3498	55	3553	11207	285	11492

N.B.—No account is taken in this table of the large use made of Directories, Annuals, etc., in the Reading Rooms.

Average Day's Issue for Reference, 1. Average Day's Issue for Home Reading, 37

Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 285

For Home Reading, 11,207. Grand Total, 11,492.

Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at 43,447.

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOOTLE.

FREE LIBRARY & MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

STATISTICS

for the year ended 31st March, 1920.

ISSUED IN LIEU OF THE 33RD GENERAL REPORT.

SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL ON 2nd JUNE, 1920.

BOOTLE:
BOOTLE TIMES, LIMITED, 30, ORIEL ROAD.

1920.

BOOK DELIVERIES.

Elementary Schools—

Bedford Road	5,963
Christ Church	3,873
Salisbury Road	1,959
Orrell	1,844
Hawthorne Road	1,735
St. James'	1,439
Linacre	1,086
St. James' Select	1,046
Gray Street	707
St. Mary's	704
St. Winefride's...	691
St. Johns'	94
Balliol Road (Special Loan)	54
	21,195
Books issued to scholars over counter (*i.e.* between deliveries)...	25,329
Grand Total	46,524
Messrs. Johnson Bros. (Dyers), Ltd. ...	2,907

Statistics for the year ended 31st March, 1920.

	Central Library	Marsh Lane Branch Library
Books Added	616	23
Borrowers:		
Senior	1,573	403
Teachers	101	
Juvenile	4,144	
	5,818	403
Second (or Non-fictional) Tickets in use by Seniors	910	
Total	6,728	403
Book Issues:		
Home Reading—Total	121,033	12,582
Home Reading—Daily Average	401	41
*Reference—Total	1,392	515
Reference—Daily Average	5	2
Applications for the Return of Overdue Books	5,079	311
Binding:		
Books Bound or Re-Bound	1,561	84
Books Re-Sewn or covered anew	4	—
Replacements	1,364	88
Reading Room Attendances:		
Total (estimated)	72,494	64,699
Daily Average	240	212

Museum Attendances.

Total (estimated)	28,328
Daily Average	99

* *The Reference Room proper has not been available since 9th July*, 1916.

CENTRAL LIBRARY STATISTICS, 1919-20.

	LENDING DEPARTMENT.						REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.					THE ENTIRE LIBRARY.	
				Issues, 1919-20.									
	Volumes in Stock, March 31st, 1919.	Added 1919-20.	Volumes in Stock, March 31st, 1920.	Adults.	Juveniles.	Total.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1919.	Added 1919-20.	Withdrawn from Stock. 1919-20.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1920.	Issues 1919-20.	Total No. of Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1920.	Total Issues in each Class 1919-20.
Biography	1827	13	1840	681	934	1615	285	4	6	283	57	2123	1672
Philology and Literary History	286	1	287	141	6	147	1338	7	...	1345	122	1632	269
Religion	1235	6	1241	383	208	591	450	2	8	444	38	1685	629
Sociology, Political History, Topography and Travel ...	3130	45	3175	2203	2737	4940	3048	18	53	3013	155	6188	5095
Mental and Moral Science ...	217	2	219	153	12	165	20	...	...	20	21	239	186
Poetry	635	11	646	423	259	682	58	...	...	58	45	704	727
Prose Fiction, *including Fiction in the Juvenile Library* ...	9632	403	10035	55268	46287	101555	13	...	...	13	359	10048	101914
Fine Arts	359	4	363	224	67	291	743	13	...	756	130	1119	421
Mathematical and Natural Science	1290	20	1310	793	1789	2582	1443	7	...	1450	60	2760	2642
Technical Literature	1005	21	1026	1187	1221	2408	857	2	5	854	140	1880	2548
General and Unclassed Works...	2125	27	2152	4608	662	5270	858	5	2	861	215	3013	5485
Local Literature (*i.e.* Bootle) ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	167	3	...	170	9	170	9
Music Scores	445	2	447	770	17	787	...	...	...	...	41	447	828
	22186	555	22741	66834	54199	121033	9280	61	74	9267	1392	32008	122425

N.B.—No account is taken in this table of the large use made of Directories, Annuals, etc., in the Reading Rooms.

Average Day's Issue for Reference, 5. Average Day's Issue for Home Reading, 401.

Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 1,567.

For Home Reading, 121,170. Grand Total, 122,737.

Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at 72,494. Attendance in Museum estimated at 28,328.

MARSH LANE BRANCH LIBRARY STATISTICS, 1919-20.

	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1919.	Added 1919-20.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1920.	Issues for Home Reading 1919-20.	Issues for Reference, 1919-20.	Total Issues in each Class 1919-20.
Biography	219	...	219	26	13	39
Philology and Literary History ...	18	...	18	2	...	2
Religion	111	..	111	7	17	24
Sociology, Political History, Topography and Travel	460	1	461	133	62	195
Mental and Moral Science	20	...	20	2	...	2
Poetry	72	...	72	9	18	27
Prose Fiction	2319	20	2339	12294	360	12654
Fine Arts	32	1	33	1	2	3
Mathematical and Natural Science ...	125	...	125	29	9	38
Technical Literature	111	1	112	70	22	92
General and Unclassed Works ...	66	...	66	9	12	21
	3553	23	3576	12582	515	13097

N.B.—No account is taken in this table of the large use made of Directories, Annuals, etc., in the Reading Rooms.

Average Day's Issue for Reference, 2. Average Day's Issue for Home Reading, 41

Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 515

For Home Reading, 12,582. Grand Total, 13,097.

Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at 64,699.

CENTRAL LIBRARY POPULAR LECTURES.—The following eight lectures were delivered in the Town Hall:—

1920.	Lecturer.	Subject.	Attendance.
Feb. 4.	Mrs. A. L. CHAPMAN ...	The Origin and History of our Scottish Regiments, with a record of their Deeds in the Great War. (*With Vocal and Instrumental Illustrations*) ...	334
Feb. 11.	Dr. W. MURRAY CAIRNS	*Japan, our Ally in the Far East	366
Feb. 18.	Mr. F. E. TILLEMONT-THOMASON, F.R.G.S., Scot., F.Ph.S., C.E.	*The Command of the Air; or, The Romance of Aeronautics	325
Feb. 25.	Mr. MICHAEL O'MAHONY, The "Echo" Rambler.	*Rambles through the Countryside in the Neighbourhood of Liverpool and in the Hundred of Wirral	430
Mar. 3.	Colonel the Rev. J. O. COOP, D.S.O., T.D., M.A., Chaplain to the Forces.	*With the 55th Division: the Story of Liverpool and West Lancashire Troops in France and Flanders	478
†Mar. 10.	Mr. H. GREGORIUS BROWN	*Recent Experiences in Jugo-Slavia: the Land of the Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes	223
Mar. 17.	Dr. CHARLES W. BUDDEN	*Salonika, Past and Present ...	266
†Mar. 24.	Rev. J. H. BURKITT ...	*Beauty Spots in dear old England	261
			2,683

* *Lantern Illustrations.*

Inclement weather militated against the attendance on the dates marked thus (†).

Art Room.—The following collections, kindly lent by the authorities of the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, have been on view for limited periods:—

Second circulating series of Water-Colour Paintings of the British School (130 frames).

Water-Colour Drawings of Pompeii, by Luigi Bazzani (58 frames).

A new loan of art objects was deposited in the cases in March, and will remain on exhibition for the twelve months ensuing. The collection comprised the following exhibits, namely:—English Electrotypes, Glass, Chinese Porcelain and Stoneware, and Ironwork.

CHAS. HY. HUNT,

Librarian and Curator.

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOOTLE.

PARKS, BATHS & LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

STATISTICS

appertaining to the work of the Libraries and Museum, for the year ended 31st March, 1921.

ISSUED IN LIEU OF THE 34th GENERAL REPORT.

SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL ON 6th JULY, 1921.

BOOTLE:
BOOTLE TIMES, LTD., 30, ORIEL ROAD.

1921

BOOK DELIVERIES.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS—

Bedford Road	6,397
Christ Church	2,321
Orrell	1,645
Salisbury Road	1,207
Hawthorne Road	1,203
St. James'	1,167
St. James' Select	783
Gray Street	730
Linacre	707
St. Mary's	669
St. Winefride's	515
Balliol (Special Loan)	160
	17,504
Books issued to scholars over counter (*i.e.* between deliveries)	23,138
Grand Total	40,642
Messrs. Johnson Bros. (Dyers) Ltd. ...	3,055

Statistics for the year ended 31st March, 1921.

	Central Library	Marsh Lane Branch Library
Books Added	656	146
Borrowers:		
Senior	1,642	499
Teachers	115	
Juvenile	3,552	
	5,309	499
Second (or Non-fictional) Tickets in use by Seniors	872	
Total	6 181	499
Book Issues:		
Home Reading—Total	123,042	16,430
Home Reading—Daily Average	411	54
*Reference—Total	1,703	2,260
Reference—Daily Average	6	8
Applications for the Return of Overdue Books	3,559	222
Binding:		
Books Bound or Re-Bound	2,145	228
Books Re-Sewn or covered anew	18	2
Replacements	1,863	137
Reading Room Attendances:		
Total (estimated)	112,233	127,427
Daily Average	370	420

Museum Attendances.

Total (estimated)	40,175
Daily Average...	140

* *The Reference Room proper has not been available since 9th July*, 1916.

CENTRAL LIBRARY STATISTICS, 1920-21.

	LENDING DEPARTMENT.						REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.			THE ENTIRE LIBRARY.	
				Issues, 1920-21.							
	Withdrawn from Stock. 1920-1921.	Added 1920-21.	Volumes in Stock, March 31st, 1921.	Adults.	Juveniles.	Total.	Added 1920-21.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1921.	Issues 1920-21.	Total No. of Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1921.	Total Issues in each Class 19.0-21.
Biography	6	28	1839	630	521	1151	1	284	49	2123	1200
Philology and Literary History	...	2	274	136	4	140	19	1364	77	1638	217
Religion	...	1	1227	441	130	571	5	449	37	1676	608
Sociology, Political History, Topography and Travel ...	1	89	3233	2017	1944	3961	24	3037	247	6270	4208
Mental and Moral Science ...	...	...	218	123	5	128	...	20	25	238	153
Poetry	...	4	629	310	195	505	3	61	34	690	539
Prose Fiction, *including Fiction in the Juvenile Library* ...	233	341	9941	66732	42912	109644	...	13	450	9954	110094
Fine Arts	...	3	364	344	34	378	12	768	69	1132	447
Mathematical and Natural Science	...	27	1325	673	828	1501	14	1464	127	2789	1628
Technical Literature ...	24	35	1023	1218	757	1975	10	864	344	1887	2319
General and Unclassed Works...	1383	6	752	2086	290	2376	17	878	210	1630	2586
Local Literature (*i.e.* Bootle) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	185	6	185	6
Music Scores	...	...	447	690	22	712	...	...	28	447	740
	1647	536	21272	75400	47642	123042	120	9387	1703	30659	124745

N.B.—No account is taken in this table of the large use made of Directories, Annuals, etc., in the Reading Rooms.

Average Day's Issue for Reference, 6. Average Day's Issue for Home Reading, 411.

Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 1,830.

For Home Reading, 123,150. Grand Total, 124,980.

Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at 112,233. Attendance in Museum estimated at 40.175.

MARSH LANE BRANCH LIBRARY STATISTICS, 1920-21.

	Withdrawn from Stock 1920-21.	Added 1920-21.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1921.	Issues for Home Reading 1920-21.	Issues for Reference, 1920-21.	Total Issues in each Class 1920-21.
Biography	...	...	219	82	93	175
Philology and Literary History ..	...	...	18	1	4	5
Religion	...	...	55	10	16	26
Sociology, Political History, Topography and Travel	...	3	464	328	403	731
Mental and Moral Science	...	...	20	7	9	16
Poetry	...	1	73	26	26	52
Prose Fiction	5	142	2468	15777	1545	17322
Fine Arts	...	...	32	2	13	15
Mathematical and Natural Science ...	...	...	124	79	42	121
Technical Literature	...	...	112	88	46	134
General and Unclassed Works ...	...	...	65	30	63	93
	5	146	3650	16430	2260	18690

N.B.—No account is taken in this table of the large use made of Directories, Annuals, etc., in the Reading Rooms.

Average Day's Issue for Reference, 8. Average Day's Issue for Home Reading, 54

Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 2,260

For Home Reading, 16,430. Grand Total, 18,690.

Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at 127,427.

Central Library Popular Lectures.—The following fourteen lectures were delivered in the Town Hall:—

1920.	Lecturer.	Subject.	Attendance.
Nov. 10.—	Mr. Albert E. Workman	How to listen to Music ... *(With Vocal and Instrumental Illustrations)*	621
Nov. 17.—	Mr. Charles H. Hunt	...*The Fine Arts, with Special Reference to the Rise of Modern Painting	330
Nov. 24.—	Mr. Trevor Whitaker	*Washington City: National Characteristics in the Capital of the United States ...	353
Dec. 1.—	Dr. Charles W. Budden	...*The Open Road	408
†Dec. 8.—	Mr. H. Gregorius Brown	*My Recent Tramp through Belgium	309
		Juvenile Lecture.	
Dec. 15.—	Dr. W. Murray Cairns	...*The Boys and Girls of Japan at Work and at Play ...	1,000
1921.			
Jan. 19.—	Mrs. A. L. Chapman	... Five of Shakespeare's Heroines: Katharina, Lady Macbeth, Rosalind, Beatrice, Queen Katharine ... ... *(With Illustrative Recitals by Miss M. Campbell Moncur)*	467
†Jan. 26.—	Mr. George T. Shaw	...*The Makers of Liverpool ...	254
†Feb. 2.—	Rev. J. H. Burkitt	...*Florence and her Famous Men	238
Feb. 9.—	Dr. W. Allen Daley	...*The Health of the People ...	193
Feb. 16.—	Rev. R. B. De Wolf	...*A Holiday in the Western Fjords of Norway	391
Feb. 23.—	Rev. A. W. Anderson	...*Burne-Jones: an Exposition of his Art	244
Mar. 2.—	Mr. H. H. Gleave	...*The English Lake Country ...	421
		Juvenile Lecture.	
Mar. 9.—	Mr. Henry Crowther	...*The Magic Carpet; or, Impressions of Foreign and Home-lands	1,004
			6,233

* *Lantern Illustrations.*

Inclement weather militated against the attendance on the dates marked thus (†).

Art Room.—The following special exhibitions have been on view for limited periods:—

Photographs by the Bootle Amateur Photographic Society (105 prints).

Drawings by scholars of the Elementary, Junior Technical, and Secondary Schools of the Borough (1,100 examples).

Illuminated Manuscripts, kindly lent by the authorities of the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington (61 frames).

CHAS. HY. HUNT,

Librarian and Curator.

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOOTLE.

PARKS, BATHS & LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

STATISTICS

appertaining to the work of the Libraries and Museum, for the year ended 31st March, 1922.

ISSUED IN LIEU OF THE 35TH GENERAL REPORT.

SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL ON 7th JUNE, 1922.

BOOTLE:
BOOTLE TIMES, LIMITED, 30, ORIEL ROAD.

1922.

BOOK DELIVERIES

Elementary Schools—	
Bedford Road	6,290
Christ Church	2,045
St. James'	1,673
Orrell	1,661
Hawthorne Road	1,409
Gray Street	1,206
St. Mary's	1,106
St. Winefride's	908
Salisbury Road	587
Linacre	343
St. James' Select	329
St. John's	315
Balliol (Special Loan)	100
	17,972
Books issued to scholars over counter (*i.e.*, between deliveries)	26,571
Grand Total	44,543
Messrs. Johnson Bros. (Dyers) Ltd.	3,687

Statistics for the year ended 31st March, 1922.

	Central Library	Marsh Lane Branch Library
Books Added	618	50
Borrowers:		
Senior	1,992	654
Teachers	121	
Juvenile	3,794	
	5,907	654
Second (or Non-fictional) Tickets in use by Seniors	972	
Total	6,879	654
Book Issues:		
Home Reading—Total	147,005	20,662
Home Reading—Daily Average	484	67
*Reference—Total	3,477	4,599
Reference—Daily Average	11	15
Applications for the Return of Overdue Books	3,282	279
Binding:		
Books Bound or Re-Bound	2,067	263
Books Re-Sewn or covered anew	28	6
Replacements	2,060	312
Reading Room Attendances:		
Total (estimated)	159,977	178,882
Daily Average	520	582

Museum Attendances.

Total (estimated)	52,770
Daily Average	171

* *The Reference Room proper has not been available since 9th July,* 1916.

CENTRAL LIBRARY STATISTICS, 1921-22.

	LENDING DEPARTMENT.						REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.				THE ENTIRE LIBRARY.	
				Issues, 1921-22.								
	Withdrawn from Stock. 1921-1922.	Added 1921-22.	Volumes in Stock, March 31st, 1922.	Adults.	Juveniles.	Total.	Withdrawn from Stock 1921-22.	Added 1921-22.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1922.	Issues 1921-22.	Total No. of Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1922.	Total Issues in each Class 1921-22.
Biography	1	54	1892	783	664	1447	2	3	285	92	2177	1539
Philology and Literary History	...	6	280	147	12	159	...	33	1397	122	1677	281
Religion	...	6	1233	357	124	481	1	7	455	63	1688	544
Sociology, Political History, Topography and Travel ...	6	58	3285	2428	1947	4375	1	38	3074	395	6359	4770
Mental and Moral Science ...	...	4	222	119	8	127	...	...	20	28	242	155
Poetry	...	3	632	418	146	564	...	...	61	102	693	666
Prose Fiction, *including Fiction in the Juvenile Library* ...	197	161	9905	84260	49925	134185	...	...	13	1737	9918	135922
Fine Arts	...	5	369	308	42	350	..	33	801	137	1170	487
Mathematical and Natural Science	...	35	1360	772	534	1306	...	35	1499	196	2859	1502
Technical Literature	12	21	1032	1383	695	2078	...	23	887	351	1919	2429
General and Unclassed Works...	1	15	766	921	172	1093	4	43	907	181	1673	1274
Local Literature (*i.e.*, Bootle) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	191	7	191	7
Music Scores	2	29	474	829	11	840	...	...	...	66	474	906
	219	397	21450	92725	54280	147005	8	221	9590	3477	31040	150482

N.B.—No account is taken in this table of the large use made of Directories, Annuals, etc., in the Reading Rooms.

Average Day's Issue for Reference, 11. Average Day's Issue for Home Reading, 484.

Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 3,578.

For Home Reading, 147,187. Grand Total, 150,765.

Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at 159,977. Attendance in Museum estimated at 52,770.

MARSH LANE BRANCH LIBRARY STATISTICS, 1921-22.

	Withdrawn from Stock 1921-22.	Added 1921.22.	Volumes in Stock March 31st, 1922.	Issues for Home Reading 1921.22.	Issues for Reference, 1921.22.	Total Issues in each Class 1921.22.
Biography	...	2	221	73	74	147
Philology and Literary History ..	...	...	18	1	1	2
Religion	...	...	104	11	17	28
Sociology, Political History, Topography and Travel	...	9	473	314	507	821
Mental and Moral Science	...	...	20	2	7	9
Poetry	...	...	73	49	80	129
Prose Fiction	30	37	2475	20054	3553	23607
Fine Arts	...	...	32	9	5	14
Mathematical and Natural Science ...	...	...	124	72	82	154
Technical Literature	...	2	114	46	159	205
General and Unclassed Works ...	...	...	65	31	114	145
	30	50	3719	20662	4599	25261

N.B.—No account is taken in this table of the large use made of Directories, Annuals, etc., in the Reading Rooms.

Average Day's Issue for Reference, 15. Average Day's Issue for Home Reading, 67

Total Number of Volumes (as distinct from issues) delivered to Borrowers for Reference, 4,599

For Home Reading, 20,662. Grand Total, 25,261.

Attendance in Reading Rooms estimated at 178,882.

CENTRAL LIBRARY POPULAR LECTURES.

The following Juvenile Lectures were delivered in the Town Hall—

1921.	Lecturer.	Subject.	Attendance
Oct. 19	Dr. W. Murray Cairns, C.B.E.	*(1) The Children's Happy New Year in Japan (2) A Japanese Garden and Japanese Flowers	825
Nov. 16	Mr. James Moir, B.Sc.	*How Dust makes our World Beautiful	878
Dec. 14	Mr. Fred W. Saxby.	*The Spider as an Engineer ...	758
1922.			
Jan. 18	Mr. Henry Crowther, F.R.M.S.	*Down a Coal Pit, and what may be seen there	867
Feb. 15	Mr. Geo. F. Renner.	*Liverpool in the days of our Great Grandfathers	865
Mar. 15	Dr. Charles W. Budden.	*The Open Road: a Miscellany of Camping Life	610
			4,803

* Lantern Illustrations.

ART ROOM.

The following special exhibitions have been on view for limited periods:—

Water-colour Paintings of Natal and Zululand, by Miss Dorothea M. Vyvyan.

Photographs by the Liverpool Amateur Photographic Association.

Water-colour Paintings, kindly lent by the authorities of the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Drawings executed by scholars of the Municipal Drawing Centre, the Secondary Schools, and the Junior Technical School.

Collection of Art objects comprising Ecclesiastical Vestments, Chinese Porcelain, Japanese Laquer Work, and Woodwork, kindly lent by the authorities of the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Humorous Drawings in Colour, by Mr. Will Owen, A.R.C.A.

Drawings by The Pencil Society.

Oil Paintings, chiefly by Dutch and Flemish Masters of the 17th Century, kindly lent by the National Loan Collection Trust.

Photographs by the Bootle Amateur Photographic Society.

Fourth Circulating Series of Water-Colour Paintings, kindly lent by the authorities of the Victoria and Albert Museum.

CHAS. HY. HUNT,
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